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CONVICTED FELON FROM TUCSON SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM

TUCSON, Ariz. - Francisco Taddei, 23, of Tucson, was sentenced to 37 months federal prison on November 10, 2008 by U.S. District Court Judge Frank R. Zapata after Taddei pleaded guilty to Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Convicted Felon.

On April 27, 2007, officers from the Tucson Police Department confronted Taddei to serve him with a probation violation warrant. Taddei, a convicted felon, was getting into a vehicle that was later confirmed as stolen. In the console of the vehicle was a .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun along with nine rounds of .45 caliber ammunition. Taddei had been convicted in 2005 of attempted aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Pima County Superior Court and was on probation for that offense when he was apprehended on these charges.

The investigation was conducted by the Tucson Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Angela Woolridge, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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