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**MINNESOTA MAN SENTENCED TO 92 MONTHS
FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court, **Joseph Martell**, 27, of Bemidji, Minnesota, was sentenced to 92 months of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Martell was charged in an indictment filed on December 15, 2010, alleging that he unlawfully possessed a firearm on June 12, 2009, on Jicarilla Apache Reservation in Rio Arriba County. At the time, Martell was prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition because he previously had been convicted of possession of stolen firearms in the U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota.

On June 7, 2011, Martell pled guilty to the indictment, and admitted that on June 12, 2009, he unlawfully possessed a Glock, model 32, .357 caliber pistol.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Jicarilla Apache Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Walsh.

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