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**FORMER EL PASO COUNTY DETENTION OFFICER
SENTENCED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in El Paso, 39-year-old Luis Armando Rodriguez was sentenced yesterday to one year in federal prison and ordered to pay a \$500 fine after pleading guilty last November to possession of an unregistered, short-barreled rifle.

By pleading guilty, Rodriguez admitted that on June 4, 2008, he was in possession of a rifle, namely a Mega Machine Shop, 6.8 MM caliber rifle with a barrel length shorter than 16 inches not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. On that day, special agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with assistance from El Paso County Sheriff's deputies executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence where they discovered the illegal firearm.

Assistant United States Attorney Greg McDonald prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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