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BAR PATRON, FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARM

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that this morning in Midland, 22-year-old Mario Felix Aguirre, Jr. was sentenced to 100 months in federal prison as a consequence of his conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

In his guilty plea on December 22, 2008, Aguirre admitted that on November 2, 2008, Midland police officers discovered him in possession of a loaded, 9 mm Lugar pistol when they responded to a disturbance call for a bar fight at the Reventon Bar on Garden City Highway in Midland. The pistol, which was in Aguirre's back pocket, also had a serial number that had been filed off and obliterated which is also a federal crime.

Previously, in 2005, Aguirre had been convicted of aggravated assault in Midland County, for which he had served a term of incarceration in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice—Institutional Division. As a consequence, under federal law Aguirre is prohibited for life from possessing any type of firearm.

This case was investigated by the Midland Police Department and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Parras.

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