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COLUSA MAN WILL FACE FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a one-count indictment charging Michael Belmontes, 34, of Colusa, California with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Mary L. Grad, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that, having previously been convicted of two felony offenses, the defendant was found in possession of a .22 caliber Ruger firearm.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for the offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm is ten years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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