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**ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED
FOR POSSESSING FIREARM**

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Merari Garcia-Arcos, 27, South Wayne, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 13 months in prison for being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm. Garcia-Arcos pleaded guilty to this crime on September 2, 2010.

The guilty plea and conviction were the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations, Lafayette County Sheriff's Department, Darlington Police Department, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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