

Roswell man sentenced to prison for violating federal firearms laws

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ALBUQUERQUE – Isaac Joshua Salas, 25, of Roswell, N.M., was sentenced June 6 in Las Cruces to 41 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for violating the federal firearms laws.

Salas was arrested on Nov. 13, 2015, on a criminal complaint charging him with possession of a firearm silencer not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record (NFRTR) on Nov. 12, 2015, in Chaves County.

According to the complaint, law enforcement officers found several firearms, ammunition, silencers, pre-cursors for homemade explosives, chemicals and books on how to make bombs while executing a search warrant at Salas' residence. A subsequent search of the NFRTR determined that Salas did not have any weapons registered to him in the NFRTR.

On April 20, 2016, Salas pled guilty to a felony information charging him with possession of an unregistered firearm or destructive device without the benefit of a plea agreement. In entering the guilty plea, Salas admitted possessing an unregistered pipe bomb.

Court documents indicate that several firearms, ammunition, magazines, pressure cookers, detonation cord, ammonium nitrate and numerous items that could be used to make explosive devices were found in Salas' bedroom together with books on how to make weapons.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Roswell Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Maria Y. Armijo of the U.S. Attorney's Las Cruces Branch Office prosecuted the case.