

# Convicted New Bedford felon pleads guilty to Possession of a Firearm

A 25-year-old New Bedford, MA, man previously convicted and incarcerated for possessing a loaded firearm without a permit pleaded guilty in federal court in Providence today to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

United States Attorney Stephen G. Dambruch and Mickey Leadingham, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced the guilty plea of Angel Pizarro to one count of felon in possession of a firearm.

According to information presented to the Court, an investigation by ATF agents determined that on May 10, 2017, Pizarro visited a Tiverton, R.I., shooting range where he handled and discharged a variety of firearms. Surveillance video at the firing range depicted Pizarro handling, loading and firing three firearms.

According to Court records, Pizarro was convicted in Massachusetts state court in 2012 of possessing a loaded firearm without a permit and sentenced to 18 months of incarceration.

Pizarro is scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge William E. Smith on September 21, 2018.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Zechariah Chafee.