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***PRESS RELEASE***

***District Attorney Susan D. Reed announces: Jose Dominguez Pleads Guilty to Making Firearm Accessible to Child.***

San Antonio, Texas: District Attorney Susan D. Reed announced today that Jose Francisco Dominguez has plead guilty to the misdemeanor offense of Making A Firearm Accessible To A Child. Justice of the Peace Richard Teniente assessed punishment at 6 months Deferred Adjudication, a \$250.00 fine and court costs.

The offense occurred on May 17, 2000, when 2 twelve year-old children were caught by San Antonio Police Officers with firearms on their way to Irving Middle School. The loaded .25 caliber handgun was obtained by the children from Mr Dominguez' vehicle.

This prosecution was brought under a state law that requires all loaded firearms be properly secured to prevent children from gaining access to them.

Susan Reed said that in addition to prosecuting juveniles who commit offenses involving weapons, her office will hold accountable those who are responsible for allowing children unsupervised access to loaded guns.

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