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Former Councilman Makes First Appearance in Court

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Nicholas B. Ibarra, 32, of Springfield, Missouri appeared today with his attorney and made an unannounced and unscheduled first appearance before the Honorable Judge Dan Imhof in the criminal case involving felony charges of unlawful use of a weapon. Judge Imhof set the next appearance in the case as a preliminary hearing on March 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Ibarra is currently charged by felony complaint with one count of unlawful use of a weapon for events that took place on or about January 1, 2012, in Springfield, Missouri.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the felony complaint are merely allegations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

This case is being prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Alberto Estrada is the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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