



Paez Defense Highlights Strategic Criminal Defense for Firearm Cases in Florida

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Paez Defense, a criminal defense law firm, is highlighting the serious nature of charges involving possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and the need for a strategic defense in these prosecutions. The firm says firearm possession allegations are often tied to prior convictions, underscoring how quickly these cases can escalate once charges are filed.

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Many firearm possession cases do not rely on direct evidence of ownership or a straightforward admission. Instead, prosecutors may rely on constructive possession theories, arguing that an individual knew the firearm was present and had the ability to exercise control over it, including when it was found in a shared vehicle, residence, or other property.

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Firearm-related arrests may arise from traffic stops, searches of homes or vehicles, and broader criminal investigations. Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon can carry serious penalties, making it important to obtain legal guidance early in the case. In response to this, Paez Defense is emphasizing close review of the search circumstances, the alleged possession, and the government's evidence.

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Careful examination of police reports, witness accounts, and the sequence of events leading to the recovery of a firearm is vital. In cases involving multiple occupants or disputed access to property, those factual questions can become central to the defense," said attorney Jose Paez, founder of Paez Defense.

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These issues may also arise in cases where firearm allegations are paired with other accusations, including drug-related offenses or domestic violence allegations.

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Paez Defense is drawing attention as well to how these charges can affect people beyond the courtroom. A conviction for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon may affect employment and housing opportunities and can carry other long-term consequences, depending on the person's circumstances. For that reason, the firm maintains that defendants benefit from understanding not only the immediate charge but also the broader consequences that can follow from the case outcome.

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Jose Paez founded the firm after serving as a prosecutor at the Broward State Attorney's Office. The firm's practice focuses on criminal defense matters such as violent crimes, domestic violence, drug offenses, and property crimes.

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The firm's current focus on this issue also follows Jose Paez's appointment to the Board of Directors of the Broward County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section for the 2026 term. The appointment places him in ongoing dialogue with other attorneys at a time when criminal enforcement trends and courtroom strategy remain active concerns in Broward County.

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Paez Defense states that staying engaged with the regional legal community helps the firm remain informed about procedural changes and case trends that may affect defendants facing serious firearm-related charges.

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Paez Defense provides criminal defense representation in English and Spanish from its office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The firm represents clients across a range of criminal matters throughout Broward County, including cases where firearm charges connect with allegations involving controlled substances, violence, or property offenses.

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About Paez Defense

Paez Defense is led by Jose Paez, a criminal defense attorney in Fort Lauderdale. The firm handles a range of criminal defense matters, including misdemeanors, serious felonies, drug crimes, firearm offenses, property and theft crimes, violations of injunctions, domestic violence, and violent crimes.

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