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**ANCHORAGE FELON SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN
FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today, March 25, 2009, that Terrance Lee Jones, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 216 months' imprisonment. Jones, whom the court determined to be an armed career criminal, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Following completion of his sentence of imprisonment, Jones will be on federal supervised release for five years.

United States District Court Judge Timothy Burgess imposed the sentence on Jones, age 39.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly Sayers-Fay, on April 24, 2008, Jones had just been released from state custody and was staying with his third-party custodian, Terry Martin. Martin awoke to find that Jones was gone and his own firearm and Chevy Tahoe were missing. Martin set out in another vehicle to find Jones.

Martin found his Chevy Tahoe, which at the time was being driven by Derek McMillian, and Jones was in the backseat with a female. When Martin confronted Jones, Jones pointed Martin's own gun at him to induce him not to interfere. Martin contacted the police, and a chase ensued on the Glenn Highway during morning commute hours. Police finally brought the stolen Tahoe to a stop by ramming the vehicle with a police cruiser, which resulted in injury to an officer. McMillian exited the vehicle, but Jones stayed inside, keeping the female passenger as a hostage. Jones eventually allowed her to exit as well, but then threatened to commit suicide with the weapon he had retained.

Judge Burgess determined that Jones had three prior violent felonies, and thus had to be sentenced under the provisions of the Armed Career Criminal Act. Jones' sentence also reflects enhancements for his assaults on Terry Martin, the female occupant of the car, and the law enforcement officers who were injured in the process of bringing the Chevy Tahoe to a halt. Jones' 18-year sentence will run concurrent with a state sentence he is currently serving.

Ms. Loeffler commends the Anchorage Police Department, Alaska State Troopers and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for the efforts that lead to the successful prosecution of Jones.

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