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TWO FELONS SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING FIREARMS

Montgomery, Alabama — Robert Lee Davis, age 33, of Montgomery, Alabama, and Kelvin Edwards, age 35, of Opelika, Alabama, were sentenced in federal district court in Montgomery to 57 months and 37 months, respectively, for being convicted felons in possession of firearms, U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today.

Davis previously pled guilty to possessing a firearm after being convicted of a felony offense. On April 10, 2007, Davis was stopped in Montgomery by Montgomery Police Department officers for a traffic violation. At first, Davis failed to stop his car. When he did eventually stop, he fled from officers on foot. Officers gave chase and apprehended Davis after a short pursuit. When they arrested him, officers found a loaded 9mm pistol in his waistband and marijuana and cocaine in his pants pocket. Prior to his arrest, Davis had been convicted of felonies for Robbery, 1st Degree, and Certain Persons Forbidden to Carry a Pistol. Davis was sentenced to 57 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release.

Edwards also possessed a loaded handgun and drugs. Edwards was involved in a traffic accident in Opelika on May 5, 2007. Officers investigating the accident suspected Edwards of being under the influence of alcohol and arrested him for DUI. During a search of his car incident to that arrest, officers found a bag with a loaded pistol and small amounts of marijuana and crack cocaine. Edwards had two prior felony convictions for possession of cocaine.

Edwards pled guilty to federal charges of being a felon in possession of the firearm and of

illegally possessing the marijuana and the crack cocaine. He received a 37 month sentence of imprisonment and three years of supervised release.

The case was investigated as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Middle District of Alabama's Alabama ICE (Isolating the Criminal Element) programs, aimed at preventing violent crime and the illegal possession of firearms. According to United States Attorney Leura G. Canary, "Convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law. Prosecuting felons in possession of firearms makes our community safer by keeping guns out of the hands of repeat offenders."

Both case were investigated through the joint efforts of the Montgomery Police Department, the Opelika Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Matthew Shepherd.