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LOWNDES COUNTY FELON SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGAL GUN POSSESSION

Montgomery, Alabama — Andrew Lewis Davis, age 32, of Hope Hull, Alabama, was sentenced to six years in federal prison for illegal firearms possession, U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. Davis was previously convicted by a jury on October 21, 2008, of illegally possessing three firearms while a convicted felon. Davis was tried and sentenced in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama in Montgomery.

Davis was sentenced to six years in prison for possessing two 12 gauge shotguns and a .22 caliber rifle on October 24, 2007, after having been convicted of multiple felony offenses. Davis' criminal history includes two felony convictions for Discharging a Firearm into an Unoccupied Vehicle and two felony convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

In addition to the prison sentence, Davis was also sentenced to serve three years of supervised release under the supervision of a federal probation officer after his prison term expires. There is no parole in the federal prison system.

The evidence at the jury trial showed that on October 24, 2007, officers with the 2d Judicial District Drug Task Force and the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles went to Davis' residence in Hope Hull to arrest him on an outstanding warrant. During a search of the residence by his probation officer, the three firearms were located in a bedroom of the residence. Davis was on probation at the time of the offense.

The case was investigated and prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice’s Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, which seeks to prevent violent crime through enforcement of federal firearms laws, such as the law prohibiting convicted felons from possessing firearms. The program is known as Alabama ICE in the Middle District of Alabama. According to United States Attorney Leura G. Canary, “This sentence demonstrates the importance of fully prosecuting convicted felons who illegally possess firearms. Removing these type criminals from our streets remains a priority of this office.”

Davis’ case was investigated by officers and agents from the 2d Judicial District Drug Task Force, the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”).

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Matthew Shepherd and Nathan Stump.