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MILLBROOK MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING SHORT-BARRELED SHOTGUN

Montgomery, Alabama - Anthony Isbell, age 48, of Millbrook, Alabama, was sentenced in federal district court on August 6, 2009, to 21 months in federal prison for unlawfully possessing a short-barreled shotgun in violation of federal law, United States Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. Isbell was also sentenced to serve three years of supervised release under the supervision of a federal probation officer after his release from prison. Isbell's federal sentence is to be served consecutively to a 10-year sentence he is currently serving in state prison for a state conviction for Sexual Abuse 1st Degree.

Isbell pled guilty in federal court on May 5, 2009, to possessing a 12 gauge shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches on June 21, 2007. The shotgun was discovered in Isbell's residence during the execution of a search warrant related to the investigation that led to his state conviction for Sexual Abuse 1st Degree. Federal law requires that any individual who possesses a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches register that firearm with the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record and pay a tax. Isbell admitted that he failed to register the firearm as required.

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.

This case was investigated through the joint efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (“ATF”), the Millbrook Police Department, and the Elmore County District Attorney’s Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Matthew Shepherd.