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MONTGOMERY MAN SENTENCED TO 73 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DRUG AND WEAPONS CONVICTIONS

Montgomery, Alabama - Jeremy Christopher McWhorter, age 22, of Montgomery, Alabama, was sentenced on to 73 months in federal prison for his convictions for federal drug and firearms charges, U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. McWhorter was previously convicted at a jury trial on May 19, 2009, of possessing marijuana with intent to distribute it and possessing firearms in furtherance of that offense.

The evidence at trial showed that McWhorter possessed over a pound of marijuana and three loaded assault rifles in the trunk of his car when he was stopped by Montgomery Police Department officers on May 2, 2007. The police stopped McWhorter while investigating a domestic disturbance call. They then discovered the marijuana, the three assault rifles, and over 150 rounds of ammunition for the rifles in McWhorter's trunk during a search of the vehicle. After two days of trial, McWhorter was convicted of possessing marijuana with intent to distribute it and of possessing firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

McWhorter was sentenced to 13 months in prison for the marijuana charge and 60 months in prison for the firearms charge, to be served consecutively, for a total of 73 months. There is no parole from federal prison. McWhorter was also sentenced to 5 years of supervised release under the supervision of a federal probation officer after he completes his prison term.

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 the federal firearms laws, such as the law prohibiting the possession of firearms in connection with drug trafficking. The program is known as Alabama ICE in the Middle District of Alabama. According to United States Attorney Leura G. Canary, “Mr. McWhorter is going to federal prison because he had firearms while he was involved in drug trafficking. Drugs and guns are a dangerous combination that can lead to violence. Prosecuting drug traffickers who illegally possess guns to further their trafficking remains a priority of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Alabama.”

McWhorter’s case was investigated by officers and agents from the Montgomery Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and was prosecuted with the cooperation of the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Matthew Shepherd, Monica Stump, and W. Brent Woodall.