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ORLANDO CONVICTED FELON WITH STOLEN FIREARM SENTENCED TO 63 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON

Orlando, Florida - Chief United States District Judge Anne C. Conway today sentenced Rohan Tucker (age 26, of Orlando) to 63 months in federal prison on a single charge of possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony. Tucker had pleaded guilty to the charge on December 5, 2008.

According to the facts presented at sentencing, on October 5, 2007, detectives from the Orange County Sheriff's Office were conducting surveillance at a convenience store on North Powers Drive in Orlando after a series of robberies in the area. The detectives observed Tucker, who is a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law, and another man drive into the parking lot in Tucker's sport-utility vehicle and park directly in front of the convenience store. Tucker then removed a semi-automatic firearm from his waistband and handed the firearm to his passenger. When deputies approached and confronted the men, the passenger discarded a bag of marijuana and attempted to conceal the firearm. A trace of the firearm revealed that it had been reported stolen during another Orange County robbery approximately six weeks earlier.

This case was jointly investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Orange County Sheriff's Office. It is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from ATF. United States Attorney A.

Brian Albritton, along with Virginia O'Brien, ATF Special Agent in Charge, is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state, and local law enforcement. The program's objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr.