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JACKSONVILLE FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL WHO PULLED A PISTOL ON A POLICE OFFICER

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that a jury in U.S. District Court today found Anthony Roosevelt King (age 51, of Jacksonville) guilty of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. King faces a maximum penalty of life in federal prison. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 20, 2009.

According to testimony and evidence presented at trial, Officer Darren D. Kathman of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office responded to a report of gunshots fired in the area of Spruce Street in Jacksonville. When Officer Kathman arrived, he observed King sitting by the side of the street and he shined a flashlight at King. At that point, King demanded that the officer get the light off of him, brandished a .45 caliber pistol, and pointed it at the officer. The officer identified himself as a police officer, and King discarded the pistol. King was then placed in custody and the pistol was recovered.

Court records disclose that King has 11 prior felony convictions, including multiple convictions for selling cocaine, a conviction for battery on a law enforcement officer, and a conviction for attempted first degree murder.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative supported by ATF. United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special

Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida, in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials. The program's objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders.

This case was investigated jointly by the Gun Unit of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mac D. Heavener, III.