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**TAMPA FELON SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 19 YEARS
FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION**

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that United States District Judge Virginia Hernandez Covington today sentenced James Stanton Perry (age 34, of Tampa) to 19 years and seven months in prison for possessing ammunition after being convicted of a felony. Perry had been found guilty by a jury on July 8, 2009.

According to court documents, law enforcement agents arrested Perry on December 9, 2008 on unrelated charges. They then obtained permission to search the premises where he rented a room in Lutz, Florida and found a Kel Tec 9mm pistol, loaded with six rounds of ammunition. Perry admitted to possessing the firearm and ammunition. Prior to December 2008, Perry had been convicted of felony offenses on multiple occasions.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction initiative strongly 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.

The case was investigated the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda Riedel.