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## **DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 15 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that United States District Court Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich today sentenced Eric Scott (age 32, of Bradenton) to 188 months in federal prison for possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony. Scott had pleaded guilty on July 25, 2008.

According to the criminal information and testimony in court, Manatee County Sheriff's Office detectives looking for a fugitive went to a Bradenton residence on January 18, 2007. They knocked on the door, and they saw Scott attempt to answer the door armed with a pistol. The detectives entered the home and subdued Scott, then searched the residence, finding seven firearms, including several handguns, an SKS assault rifle, and an AK-47 assault rifle. Officers also discovered more than 200 rounds of ammunition of various calibers and nearly 9 grams of powder cocaine. Scott was, and is, a convicted felon who does not have a legal right to possess any firearms.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), with the assistance of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay L. Hoffer.