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**Everett S. Stickney Pleads Guilty to
Federal Arson and Felon in Possession Charges**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Everett S. Stickney**, age 29, of Brentwood, New Hampshire pleaded guilty to two counts of arson and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm in the United States District Court in Portland.

According to Court documents, on the evening of January 2, 2009, the defendant burglarized and destroyed by a fire he set, a commercial building located at 500 US Route One in Yarmouth, Maine that contained 26 businesses. The next evening, two offices located at 433 US Route 1 in York, known as the Cottage Place Business Complex, were burglarized and one office was damaged by a fire that the defendant set. Over the course of those two days, the defendant also burglarized or attempted to burglarize commercial buildings located at: (1) 60 Forest Falls Drive in Yarmouth; (2) 57 Portland Road - US Route 1 in Kennebunk, known as the Wonderbrook Business Center; (3) 1950 US Route 1 in York, known as Storage Solutions; and (4) 647 US Route 1, York, Maine, known as the Meadow Brook Offices.

A vinyl bank deposit bag stolen by the defendant from an office at 500 Route One in Yarmouth, was found about ½ mile away at the scene of the 60 Forest Falls Drive burglary, in close proximity to a Marlboro cigarette butt that had the defendant's DNA on it. The defendant was also a possible source of DNA found on the vinyl bank deposit bag and a pry bar found at the scene of the 60 Forest Falls Drive burglary.

Investigators also linked defendant's black Volkswagen Golf automobile to surveillance photographs obtained from cameras located in close proximity to several of the burglaries; learned that the defendant stayed at a hotel in Freeport during the crime spree; and tracked defendant's movements to the vicinity of the burglaries and arsons using information associated with his cellular telephone.

On March 15, 2009, the defendant was arrested by police in Portsmouth, New Hampshire after he attempted to commit a burglary. In connection with that investigation, police learned that defendant stole a 45 caliber Colt pistol from a doctor's office, which they later recovered from defendant's vehicle. The defendant, who had felony convictions for arson in 2000 and forgery in 2002, was prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law.

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The defendant will be sentenced after completion of a presentence report by the U.S. Probation Office, in Portland. The defendant faces up to 20 years in prison for each of the arson charges, with a 5 year minimum mandatory term, and up to 10 years in prison on the firearms charge. In addition, he faces fines of up to \$250,000 on each count, or twice the loss from the arsons, and restitution.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the coordinated investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Maine State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Police Departments of Yarmouth, Kennebunk, York, Scarborough and Kittery and Exeter, New Hampshire.

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