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**Portland Man Sentenced on Federal Firearm Charge**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that a federal judge sitting in Portland today sentenced Damian Green, age 23 of Portland, Maine to serve 37 months imprisonment and three years of supervised release for illegal possession of a firearm.

According to court records, on January 6, 2009, Portland Police officers responding to a reported burglary encountered Green in the Munjoy Hill neighborhood of the city. During the encounter, the officers seized a loaded and cocked .45 caliber pistol from Green's waistband. Green was prohibited from possessing a firearm because he was convicted of the felony crime of burglary in December 2007. On May 15, 2009, Green pleaded guilty to the federal offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm and the case was continued until today for sentencing.

This case is part of Maine's **Project Safe Neighborhoods** initiative, which is designed to reduce gun violence and illegal gun possession. United States Attorney Silsby said that the investigation leading to this indictment was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Portland Police Department.

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