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**Augusta Woman Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charges**

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Bonny Reynolds**, a/k/a Bonny Hutchins, Bonny House and Bonny Buzzell, 45, of Augusta, was sentenced on October 20, 2009, in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, to 24 months of imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment, for the federal crimes of possession of firearms after involuntary commitment to a mental institution, and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number. Reynolds was found guilty by Chief U.S. District Judge John A. Woodcock, Jr. on July 31, 2009, after a one-day bench trial.

Court records reveal that in 2006, Reynolds was involuntarily committed to a psychiatric hospital. That involuntary commitment prohibited Reynolds from possessing firearms.

Later in 2006, Augusta law enforcement officers responded to a call complaining of an unwanted female residing in the complainant's residence. That female was Bonny Reynolds and had been living at the residence while the complainant was in jail, but had paid no rent as she had agreed to do. The law enforcement officer went to the residence and spoke with Bonny Reynolds, who produced two firearms. Upon investigation, it was discovered that Reynolds had been involuntarily committed to a psychiatric hospital and was prohibited from possessing firearms. It was also learned that the serial number on one of the firearms had been obliterated.

This case was part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative which coordinates the efforts of federal and state agencies in order to increase successful prosecution of firearms cases and educate potential offenders on the serious consequences of illegal gun use and possession.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Augusta Police Department.

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