

HARD FACT

OPERATION PREDATOR FACT SHEET

❑ OPERATION PREDATOR Objectives:

- Cooperative Effort Between: Utah Department of Corrections (AP&P), ATF, Project Safe Neighborhoods, and the United States Attorney's Office.
- Target Armed, Re-Offenders who Pose a Danger to the Community. If these Offenders qualify as Armed Career Criminals or Career Offenders, they could face 15 years to life in Federal Prison outside the State of Utah.
- OPERATION PREDATOR will generate a Top 15 list of individuals who meet its criteria. This list will be distributed to State and Local Law Enforcement and Prosecutor agencies. In turn, Officers and Prosecutors will work pro-actively to protect the community from these Dangerous Career Criminals, using the leverage of Federal Prosecution.
- Criteria for the Top 15 List will include the following:
 - ◆ Past History of Violence
 - ◆ Past History of Unlawful Weapons Possession
 - ◆ Gang Affiliation
 - ◆ Subject to an Active Qualifying Protective Order
 - ◆ Past Convictions for Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Assault
 - ◆ Violent Felony Convictions
 - ◆ Drug Trafficking Convictions



- ❑ “Armed Career Criminal” Criteria (18 U.S.C. § 924(e))
 - Present Offense is a Violation for Restricted Person in Possession of a Firearm and/or Ammunition (e.g. Convicted Felon in Possession of Handgun).
 - Defendant has at least Three (3) Prior Felony Convictions for either Violent Felony (e.g. Robbery), or Serious Drug Offense (e.g. Drug Distribution).
 - If the Defendant Qualifies, He Must Serve No Less than Fifteen (15) Years in Federal Prison.

- ❑ “Career Offender” Criteria (U.S. Sentencing Guidelines §4B1.1)
 - Present Offense is a Felony that is either a Crime of Violence (e.g. Carjacking) or a Controlled Substance Offense (e.g. Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute).
 - Defendant has at least Two (2) Prior Felony Convictions for either Violent Felony (e.g. Robbery), or Controlled Substance Offense (e.g. Drug Distribution).
 - If the Defendant Qualifies, the Sentencing Guidelines recommend Strict Imprisonment Terms.

[For example, if the present offense is for possession of five or more grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, and the defendant has two prior drug distribution convictions, then his recommended sentencing range would be 262 –327 months, or 21 to 27 years in Federal Prison].

