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EAU CLAIRE MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tory Epps, 33, of Eau Claire, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 120 months in prison, the maximum possible sentence, for possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Epps pleaded guilty to this charge on February 19, 2009.

On July 25, 2008, Eau Claire police responded to a report of an argument. Witnesses reported seeing a man waving a gun and threatening to shoot a woman in the parking lot of a local business. When police arrived, they apprehended Epps at gunpoint and recovered a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun, which was identified as the firearm used in the incident. The victim of the incident was unharmed.

Epps has previously been convicted of two felony drug offenses in Eau Claire County in 2001 and 2005.

The charge against Tory Epps was the result of an investigation conducted by the Eau Claire Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and

Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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