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FELON WITH HANDGUN GETS FEDERAL SENTENCE OF NEARLY TWO DECADES

Atlanta Man Assaulted Officers, Reached For Firearm Following East Point Police Pursuit

Atlanta, GA - TREMAYNE DEON CRAWFORD, 29, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge William S. Duffey, Jr., to more than 19 years in prison on a charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

“Possession of firearms by career criminals can create highly dangerous situations, as happened in this case,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. The prosecution of these armed repeat offenders is a high priority for our office and the Department of Justice. Through partnerships with local law enforcement agencies fostered by cooperative initiatives including Project Safe Neighborhoods, the Department’s initiative to reduce gun violence in our communities, we are able to bring dangerous felons like this to justice.”

“This violent offender's arrest could have resulted in tragedy,” said Acting Special Agent in Charge Jeff Pearce of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Atlanta Field Division. “With a loaded pistol and several felony convictions already under his belt, his days in federal prison were long overdue. To this and any other armed career criminal, this is your retirement plan.”

CRAWFORD was sentenced to 19½ years in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system. CRAWFORD was convicted by a jury of these charges on May 1, 2008.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: East Point, Georgia, Police Department (EPPD) officers observed CRAWFORD in an altercation outside the Central Station Night Club in East Point on December 2, 2006. When police approached, CRAWFORD fled in a vehicle and was pursued by a number of EPPD officers through a residential area. CRAWFORD rammed his vehicle head-on into

the front of a police detective's vehicle, then reached for a handgun that was on the floorboard of his vehicle. Several EPPD officers physically forced him from the vehicle and away from the gun as CRAWFORD resisted and continued to reach for the gun. After several minutes, the handgun was secured by officers and CRAWFORD was taken into custody. Because of multiple prior serious felony convictions, CRAWFORD was determined to be an Armed Career Criminal under federal law and, as such, faced a mandatory term of at least 15 years' imprisonment.

This case was investigated by members of ATF's Violent Crime Impact Team and officers of the East Point Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Todd C. Alley prosecuted the case.

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