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DES MOINES MAN CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT AFTER PULLING A GUN ON A POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY

Man Led Police on Chase Through Des Moines's North and East Sides and Threw Gun Out of the Van

DES MOINES, IOWA – David Alexander Carroll, age 34, of Des Moines, was convicted in federal court today of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Mr. Carroll had previously been convicted of First Degree Robbery in Polk County.

U.S. Attorney Nick Klinefeldt said: "I tried this case myself because the safety of our community and of our law enforcement officers is a priority for my office. This case was a good example of federal and local law enforcement working together."

In the early morning hours of October 1, 2010, a Polk County Sheriff's Deputy responded to a hit and run call at the Lumberyard on the north side of Des Moines. The Deputy caught up to a van driven by Mr. Carroll on N.E. 14th Street. The Deputy pulled Mr. Carroll over and, as he approached the van, saw Mr. Carroll holding a gun pointed out toward where the Deputy was about to step. The Deputy backed up, drew his weapon, and told Mr. Carroll to show him his hands. Mr. Carroll fled, and a car chase ensued. During the car chase, Mr. Carroll threw out the gun. After eventually stopping Mr. Carroll at his home on the east side of Des Moines, the Polk County Sheriff's Office retrieved the Colt revolver, .38 caliber Special, on the route of the chase.

Chief Judge Robert W. Pratt ordered that Mr. Carroll be placed in custody pending sentencing, which will be set at a later date. Mr. Carroll faces a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine not to exceed \$250,000.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

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