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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF"); and CHET EPPERSON, Rockford Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

Today, United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala sentenced **RENWICK KING**, 48, Rockford, Illinois, to 74 months' imprisonment for making a false statement with respect to the purchase of a firearm on September 13, 2007 and selling a firearm to a convicted felon on September 18, 2007. King was also ordered to serve 3 years of supervised release following imprisonment.

King pled guilty to the charges on December 11, 2008. In pleading guilty, King admitted that on September 13, 2007, he had a telephone conversation and later met with a confidential source ("CS") regarding the purchase of a handgun for the CS. King further admitted that later that same day, King and the CS drove to a federally licensed firearms dealer in Loves Park, Illinois ("firearms dealer"), in order for King to purchase a handgun for the CS, whom King knew to be a convicted felon and thus prohibited from possessing firearms. According to the plea agreement, at the CS's direction, King purchased a Ruger, model P-95, 9 millimeter pistol, serial number 316-39585. Before completing the transaction, King filled out a ATF Form 4473, as required by federal law. King admitted that in filling out the ATF Form 4473, he falsely stated that he was the actual purchaser of the firearm and that he was not purchasing the firearm on behalf of another person. Because of the mandatory 72-hour waiting period, King and the CS left the firearms dealer on September 13, 2007 without taking possession of the Ruger 9mm pistol that King had purchased on the CS's behalf. King further admitted in the plea agreement that on September 18, 2007, King and the CS returned to the firearms dealer, and King again affirmed that he was the actual buyer of the firearm. According to the plea agreement, King then took custody of the Ruger 9mm pistol, and he and the CS drove back to King's residence in Rockford. King admitted that despite knowing that the CS was a convicted felon, he ground the serial number off of the Ruger 9mm pistol and then gave the pistol to the CS.

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Rockford office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Rockford Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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