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Brooklyn Park felon sentenced for possessing a .22 caliber pistol

Earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis, a 30-year-old felon for possessing a .22 caliber Derringer pistol. United States District Court Judge John R. Tunheim sentenced Jimmy Pierre Synkiew, of Brooklyn Park, to 36 months in prison on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Synkiew was indicted on December 16, 2009, and was convicted by a jury on June 30, 2010, following a two-day trial.

According to evidence presented at trial, Synkiew possessed the pistol on April 15, 2009. Because he is a felon, Synkiew is prohibited under federal law from possessing a firearm at any time. Synkiew's prior felonies include a drive-by shooting conviction in Hennepin County in 1999 and a third-degree assault conviction in Anoka County in 2003.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Minneapolis Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael A. Dees.

Note, this case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative launched by the U.S. Justice Department in 2001 to promote a multi-jurisdictional, comprehensive approach to reducing gun crime in America. PSN provides resources to strengthen law enforcement and crime prevention partnerships that are working to make our streets and communities safer.

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