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### **Federal jury convicts Fridley felon for possessing a .357 revolver**

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court, a jury found a felon from Fridley guilty of possessing a .357-caliber revolver. Following a three-day trial, Roger Bruce Bugh, age 42, was convicted on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was indicted on February 24, 2011.

The evidence presented at trial proved that on January 20, 2011, Bugh possessed the revolver. Specifically, he was attempting to sell it through a controlled law enforcement transaction when he was arrested. The transaction took place in a parking lot behind an apartment complex in the 1300 block of East Seventh Street in St. Paul.

Because he is a felon, Bugh is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition at any time. Bugh's previous felony convictions include four in Ramsey County (two burglaries, an assault, and a theft); three in federal court in the District of Minnesota (two bank burglaries and one for conspiracy to commit bank theft); one in Stearns County for burglary; one in Dakota County for burglary; and one in Pierce County, Wisconsin, for burglary. Since at least three of those offenses were crimes of violence, Bugh is now subject to the federal armed career criminal statute, which mandates a 15-year minimum federal prison sentence. He faces a potential maximum penalty of life. United States District Court Judge Patrick J. Schiltz will determine Bugh's sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the St. Paul Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Deidre Y. Aanstad and Carol M. Kayser.

Note, the 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

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