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Felon sentenced for possessing a 12-gauge shotgun

Earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis, a 30-year-old felon was sentenced for possessing a 12-gauge shotgun. United States District Court Judge Patrick J. Schiltz sentenced Cameron Eugene Adams, currently incarcerated in the Duluth Correctional Facility, to 90 months in federal prison on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Adams was indicted on May 4, 2010, and pleaded guilty on July 13, 2010.

In his plea agreement, Adams admitted possessing the shotgun on October 29, 2009. Because he is a felon, Adams is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition at any time. Adams's prior felonies include convictions in Illinois for first-degree attempted murder in 1997, unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon in 2001, possession of a controlled substance in 2004, and theft in 2005. In Minnesota, Adams had a conviction in Ramsey County in 2005 for fleeing police in a motor vehicle, and in Hennepin County, he was convicted of possession of a controlled substance in 2006.

This current case resulted from an investigation by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Duluth Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Allen A. Slaughter and Christian S. Wilton.

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 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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