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St. Paul felon sentenced for possessing a .357 revolver

Earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis, a 30-year-old felon from St. Paul was sentenced for possessing a .357 revolver on May 13, 2010. United States District Court Judge Patrick J. Schiltz sentenced Glenn Dale Acon, Jr. to 65 months in prison on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Acon was indicted on June 8, 2010, and pleaded guilty on December 9, 2010.

In his plea agreement, Acon admitted possessing the handgun. On May 13, 2010, police responded to a 911 call regarding a gun pointing and assault incident at a St. Paul residence. Police determined that it was Acon who brandished the weapon. After brandishing the handgun, Acon fled the area in a Buick. Officers followed the vehicle, stopped it in an alley and arrested Acon. The vehicle's passenger fled, but was also arrested after a brief foot chase. During the passenger's arrest, he dropped a .357 revolver.

Because he is a felon, Acon is prohibited under federal law from possessing a firearm at any time. Acon's prior felonies include a conviction in Ramsey County in 2005 for being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm.

This case was the result of an investigation by the St. Paul Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen A. Slaughter.

Note, this case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods ("PSN"), 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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