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### **Another career criminal sentenced as part of Project Exile Minneapolis**

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court, a 31-year-old felon from Minneapolis was sentenced for possessing a .44-caliber handgun earlier this year. United States District Court Judge John R. Tunheim sentenced Adonis Adolph Dorman to 180 months in prison on one count of being a career criminal in possession of a firearm. Dorman was indicted on November 17, 2010, and pleaded guilty on April 13, 2011.

In his plea agreement, Dorman admitted he possessed the handgun on August 6, 2010. According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, on August 6, the Hennepin County Violent Offender Task Force seized weapons and ammunition while executing a search warrant at his residence. Dorman threw the handgun out a window when police arrived on the scene.

Because he is a felon, Dorman is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition at any time. Dorman's prior convictions include burglary (1999), fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct (2002), fleeing police in a motor vehicle (2002), second-degree sale of a controlled substance (2009), and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (2009). Since at least three of those offenses were crimes of violence or serious drug crimes, Dorman was subject to the federal armed career criminal statute at sentencing in this case. That statute mandates a 15-year minimum prison sentence.

Dorman is the latest defendant sentenced federally through Project Exile Minneapolis. That law enforcement initiative was launched on July 22, 2010, as part of a city-wide effort to reduce gun violence. Through Project Exile, the Minneapolis Police Department and the ATF work together to apprehend serial criminals for violations of gun laws. Then, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office teams up with the U.S. Attorney's Office to determine where those offenders will most effectively be prosecuted—state or federal court. Those determinations are based on the offenders' criminal histories and current charges, among other factors. To date, the U.S.

Attorney's Office has brought charges against approximately 18 serious habitual criminals through Project Exile Minneapolis.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Hennepin County Violent Offender Task Force, the Minneapolis Police Department, and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives–Violent Crime Impact Team. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew R. Winter.

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