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## U.S. Postal Employee Pleads Guilty to Illegal Possession of Firearms

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CAMDEN – A U.S. Postal Service employee pleaded guilty today to charges of illegal possession of firearms by a previously convicted felon, Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra, Jr., announced.

Roger Johnson, 57, of Bordentown City, who has been placed on administrative leave from the U.S. Postal Office in Hamilton, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Noel L. Hillman to a federal Indictment that charges him with two counts of possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon. Judge Hillman continued Johnson release on a \$100,000 bond with the condition of 24-hour home confinement pending sentencing, which is scheduled for Sept. 1.

At his plea hearing, Johnson admitted that on Oct. 19, 2007, he possessed a F.I.E. Titan Series .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol and sold the firearm to an undercover law enforcement officer. Johnson also admitted that on Dec. 4, 2007, he possessed and sold a Wesson .357 caliber revolver to the same undercover law enforcement officer.

Johnson was arrested on Feb. 11, 2009, by Special Agents of the ATF's Trenton Resident Agency and Investigators with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office.

Each count of possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Hillman will consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Marra credited Special Agents of the ATF's Trenton Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Matthew W. Horace, and Investigators with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Robert D. Bernardi, with the investigation leading to the Indictment.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew T. Smith of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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Defense Attorney: Thomas Young, Esq. Assistant Federal Public Defender