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### **NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today the sentencing of a Syracuse man for a weapons offense.

JEREL WIGFALL, 34, of Syracuse, New York, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Norman A. Mordue to 37 months for his plea of guilty to possession of a firearm while a felon. Late in the evening of September 19, 2010, in Syracuse, Wigfall brought an unloaded .41 caliber Magnum revolver to a fight at a Brighton Avenue residence and ran from the area, carrying the weapon, when officers of the Syracuse Police Department (SPD) responded to the scene as a result of a disturbance call made to the SPD. After a short foot pursuit, the SPD officers found WIGFALL in the backyard of a nearby residence, lying in a pile of brush and attempting to cover himself with a tarp. The firearm WIGFALL had been carrying was recovered by officers who found it, near the location where WIGFALL was arrested, under some loose branches and debris. It was later determined that the firearm had been reported as stolen in 1997. On January 19, 2011, WIGFALL, who had been previously convicted in 2004 of a drug felony, pled guilty to an Indictment that charged him with being a felon in possession of a firearm that had traveled in interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, Section 922(g)(1). After WIGFALL finishes serving his 37 month sentence of incarceration, he will thereafter be placed on supervised release for a period of 3 years, which will include drug testing and treatment. WIGFALL was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$100.

The WIGFALL case investigated by the Syracuse Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Carl G. Eurenus, who can be reached at 448-0672.