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Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced today that Ronald Longale, 55, of Liverpool, New York, was sentenced today in Utica, New York by Judge David N. Hurd to 78 months in prison for possession of firearms by a convicted felon. Longale was arrested at his home on February 21, 2011 when he was found in possession of three shotguns. He was previously convicted of felonies including, Attempted Sale of a Controlled Substances in 1981 and 1987, Driving While Intoxicated in 1991, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in 1999, and Burglary in 2005.

Longale was also sentenced to serve three years of supervised release upon his release from prison. He was ordered to undergo substance, alcohol, and mental health treatment, the latter to include anger management. He is prohibited from possessing any drugs or medications not prescribed by a doctor, and is further prohibited from possessing any firearms. Based upon the defendant's financial condition, the judge imposed no fine, but directed him to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Prior to imposition of sentence, Longale was held in pretrial detention, having been determined by a Magistrate Judge to present a danger to the community. Following imposition of sentence today, he was maintained in custody where he will immediately commence serving his prison sentence.

This case was investigated by Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Special Agents with assistance from the Onondaga Sheriff's Department, New York State Police, and the Syracuse Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Craig A. Benedict. Questions may be directed to AUSA Benedict at 315-448-0672.