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ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON GUN CHARGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Molik Wellington, 31, of Rochester, N.Y., who was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm, was sentenced to 84 months in prison by U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer M. Noto, who handled the case, stated that in October 2011, a Rochester Police Officer observed the defendant with a loaded, 12 gauge shotgun near the intersection of Emerson Street and Dewey Avenue in the City of Rochester. The officer observed Wellington holding the shotgun while engaged in a verbal confrontation with another individual and then observed the defendant place the shotgun in the front seat of a nearby vehicle. Officers recovered the loaded shotgun as well as a stolen handgun from the vehicle. This is Wellington's fourth felony conviction.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Scott Heagney and officers of the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Sheppard.

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