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**FITCHBURG MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Samuel Holmes, 22, Fitchburg, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to 37 months in prison without parole for possessing a firearm after being previously convicted of a felony. Holmes pleaded guilty to charge on May 28, 2010.

During a traffic stop, Stoughton Police officers located a loaded pistol in the glove box of Holmes' vehicle. Officers also located a empty gun holster in the vehicle. The Wisconsin State Crime Lab confirmed that Holmes' DNA was on the grip of the firearm.

Holmes had been previously been convicted of felony possession with intent to deliver marijuana and felony burglary. He was on probation for those offenses when he committed this federal offense; his probation has been revoked and a two-year sentence imposed. This federal sentence will run concurrently to the state sentence.

The charge against Holmes was the result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Stoughton Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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