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CHICAGO MAN SENTENCED FOR STEALING 20 GUNS FROM MADISON GUNSHOP

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Darren Richardson, 21, Chicago, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 46 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for stealing 20 firearms from Grampa's Gun Shop on Williamson Street, Madison, on March 13, 2010. Richardson pleaded guilty to this charge on October 7, 2010.

The owner of Grampa's Gun Shop placed a 911 call on March 13 after Richardson and an accomplice forcibly entered his business and forced him into a bathroom. Richardson bound the owner's ankles and wrists with duct tape and made verbal threats. Co-defendant Daniel Barlow acted as the getaway driver and he subsequently drove to Minnesota and sold one of the stolen firearms to a friend of his. That firearm was recovered and Barlow's friend implicated Barlow and helped police identify Richardson as a suspect. Richardson's DNA was subsequently identified on the duct tape that was used to bound the victim's ankles and wrists. Richardson also confessed when he was arrested.

In addition to the firearm that was recovered in Minnesota, six more have been recovered in the Chicago area.

Barlow's sentencing hearing was continued until January 13, 2011, at 1:20 p.m.

The charge against Richardson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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