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**MADISON MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS  
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

*James Hicks Sentenced as Armed Career Criminal*

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that James H. Hicks, 29, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Lynn S. Adelman to a statutory mandatory minimum 15 years in prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing three firearms as a convicted felon. Hicks pleaded guilty to this charge on November 6, 2009.

Hicks possessed the three firearms on May 17, 2009 in Madison. Hicks qualified for the mandatory 15-year sentence because under federal law he was classified as an Armed Career Criminal, meaning he had three prior felony drug convictions.

The charge against Hicks was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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