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**MASON COUNTY FELON SENTENCED TO MORE THAN SIX YEARS IN PRISON**

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. – Sidney Edward Huddleston, III, 62, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to 78 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Huddleston previously pleaded guilty to the Federal gun charge in August.

During the execution of a state search warrant in January 2009, Mason County sheriff's deputies located 26 firearms in Huddleston's Apple Grove residence in Mason County, West Virginia. Huddleston was prohibited from possessing a firearm by virtue of two felony state convictions in 2003 of delivery of a controlled substance and third offense DUI, and a 1976 Federal conviction for possession of an unregistered firearm.

As part of his plea agreement, Huddleston, a convicted sex offender, stipulated that a Deputy U.S. Marshal and a West Virginia State Police trooper seized 10 firearms from his residence in January 2010, following a routine visit to verify Huddleston's sex offender information.

The investigation was conducted by the Mason County Sheriff's Department, United States Marshal's Service, West Virginia State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Lisa G. Johnston handled the prosecution.

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