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## Frankfort Man Sentenced to 64 Months for Illegal Firearm Possession

**FRANKFORT, Ky.**— Kian T. Christopher, of Frankfort, was sentenced to 64 months in federal prison on Thursday, by United States Federal Judge Gregory F. VanTatenhove, after pleading guilty to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

According to Christopher's plea agreement, in August 2018, Frankfort Police Department officers were dispatched to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where gunshots had been reported. In his plea agreement, Christopher admitted that officers observed him throwing a firearm on the ground at the scene and, during the investigation, officers also located multiple spent shell casings, along with a female inside with a gunshot wound.

Christopher pleaded guilty to the charges in May 2019. Christopher had previously been convicted of two counts of second degree robbery in 2013.

Under federal law, Christopher must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence and will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for three years.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Tommy Estevan, Special Agent in Charge for ATF; and Chief Charles Adams, Frankfort Police Department, jointly announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the ATF and Frankfort Police Department. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Cynthia T. Rieker.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. The PSN program was reinvigorated as part of the Department's renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney's Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

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