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CONVICTED DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR GUN POSSESSION

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Senior U.S. District Judge G. Kendall Sharp today sentenced Jazzman Rickeem Brown (25, Titusville) to 15 years in federal prison for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Brown pled guilty on January 27, 2011.

According to court documents, on October 1, 2010, officers with the Titusville Police Department spotted Brown standing outside a motel in Titusville. The officers recognized Brown and noted that he was wanted on other charges. When approached by officers, Brown attempted to flee into a motel room. As officers attempted to get Brown under control, he reached into his waistband, pulled a gun, and threw it. At the time of the offense, Brown had previously been convicted for attempting to flee from police and multiple drug dealing charges.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the Titusville Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Vincent S. Chiu.

It is another case prosecuted as apart of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide gun-violence reduction strategy led by ATF.

United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent-in-Charge, ATF, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida, in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.