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Pottawattamie County Resident Sentenced to Three Years in Prison for Felon in Possession of a Firearm

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On May 15, 2014, Newberry Winfield Wright, a 22 year-old resident of Oakland, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Court Chief Judge James Gritzner to 36 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release after the term of imprisonment, for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt.

On February 6, 2014, Wright pled guilty to the charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm which was the result of an investigation by law enforcement into a report of shots being fired at the Farm Creek Wildlife Area near Carson, Iowa. Wright was located a short distance from the Farm Creek Wildlife Area by deputies with the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Department. Wright was found to have in his possession a Smith and Wesson .50 caliber handgun and .50 caliber ammunition. Wright was prohibited from possessing a firearm after he pled guilty in 2012 to a felony controlled substance violation.

The investigation was conducted by the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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