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**LAKE CHARLES MAN SENTENCED ON
FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES**

Defendant Receives 20 Years in Prison

LAKE CHARLES, La. - Lawrence Humphrey, 27, of Lake Charles, La., was sentenced today in federal court to spend 20 years in prison - 120 months for Count 1 and 120 months for Count 2, to run consecutive, and 60 months to run concurrent to Counts 1 and 2, followed by three years supervised release, for possession of two firearms by a convicted felon (Counts 1 and 2), on two different dates, and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number (Count 3), United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced. The sentence was handed down by U. S. District Judge Patricia Minaldi.

Humphrey was convicted by a federal jury on April 12, 2010. According to court testimony, Humphrey was arrested in July 2007 after fleeing from Lake Charles police officers near a public housing complex in Lake Charles. Humphrey was found to be in possession of a loaded Colt .38 caliber revolver recovered from his front pocket. Less than one month later, in August of 2007, Lake Charles police officers were dispatched to two different addresses in response to a male entering both addresses uninvited and displaying a firearm. The male was apprehended and identified as Lawrence Humphrey, who was at that time found in possession of a loaded .22 caliber revolver with the serial number ground off and obliterated. Humphrey had been convicted of robbery prior to both federal offenses. It is unlawful for a convicted felon to possess a firearm.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide program designed to reduce violence in our communities by aggressively using existing federal firearms laws.

This case was investigated by Task Force Agent James Milner, with the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Lake Charles Field Office, and the Lake Charles Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Myers P. Namie.

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