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**MOROCCO PORTER SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 14 YEARS  
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION  
OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION AND CARRYING A FIREARM  
DURING A DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME**

**Shreveport, Louisiana:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that U. S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. sentenced Morocco Shamarolos Porter, 29, of Shreveport, to 171 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition and for the separate crime of carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking crime.

Evidence presented in court showed that Porter was committing a drug trafficking offense on February 9, 2011. A police officer tried to make a traffic stop, but Porter fled and led the officer on a highspeed chase until Porter stopped the car and fled on foot with officers in pursuit. Porter dropped a loaded .40 caliber semiautomatic handgun during his flight from the officers. Porter then changed his clothing and discarded packages of crack cocaine and marijuana. Officers obtained consent to search the car and found a drum magazine to fit a AK-47 type assault rifle in the car. This drum was loaded with 100 rounds of ammunition.

Porter's prior convictions include a 2002 felony conviction in Bossier Parish District Court for possession of cocaine and a 2008 felony conviction in Caddo Parish District Court for aggravated battery. Federal law prohibits felons from possessing firearms or ammunition. Federal law also prohibits carrying a firearm while committing a drug trafficking crime.

U.S. Attorney Finley stated, "The United States Attorney's Office will continue to vigorously prosecute felons who possess firearms and those who carry firearms while drug trafficking. Under our Project Safe Neighborhood Program, we have joined with our state and local partners to assure that felons like Mr. Porter are identified, arrested and prosecuted. Our goal is to remove convicted felons, violent offenders, drug traffickers and others who carry and use firearms from our streets and neighborhoods. We work together

to make our communities safer so that each citizen of this community is not only secure but feels secure. Since it began in 2001, Project Safe Neighborhoods' nationwide program has successfully reduced violence in our communities by aggressively enforcing existing federal firearms laws."

Porter's arrest was made by the Shreveport Police Department Community Response Unit and investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert W. Gillespie, Jr.

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