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BUFFALO MAN CONVICTED OF BEING
A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

BUFFALO, N.Y.– U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jimmy Lee Barner, 30, of Buffalo, N.Y., was convicted after a jury trial of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The defendant faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both, when sentenced.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Joseph M. Tripi and John M. Alsop handled the prosecution of the case. As shown by the evidence at trial, during a search of Barner's Amherst Street apartment in January of 2008, New York State Parole Officers and Special Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found that the defendant was in possession of a firearms and ammunition. At the time, Barner was on parole for a previous felony state conviction.

The verdict is the culmination of an investigation on the part of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, under the direction of Commissioner Brian Fischer and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Frank Christiano.

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