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ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON FIREARMS CHARGE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jamil Knox, 24, of Rochester, N.Y., who was convicted of possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon, was sentenced to 42 months in prison and three years supervised release by U.S. District Court Charles J. Siragusa.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Moynihan, who handled the case, stated that Knox was arrested on Grand Avenue in Rochester on January 22, 2010 following a traffic stop by New York State Police. The defendant was a passenger in the vehicle and fled after it was stopped. A trooper pursued Knox and observed him remove a black handgun from his front waist area and drop it in front of 67 Grand Avenue. The trooper tackled the defendant and a struggle ensued. Knox was ultimately subdued and taken into custody. The defendant told officers that he had purchased the gun for \$250 for protection. The gun, a 40 caliber Smith and Wesson semiautomatic pistol, was loaded and was reported as stolen. Knox has a prior felony conviction for criminal sale of a controlled substance.

The sentencing is the culmination of a investigation involving Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearm and Explosives, under the direction of Scott Heagney, Resident Agent in Charge, the New York State Police, under the direction of Major Mark Koss and the Rochester Police Department under the direction of Chief James Sheppard.

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