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MAN SENTENCED AS AN ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Antonio Lee, 30, of Rochester, New York, who was convicted of possessing a firearm as a convicted felon, was sentenced as an armed career criminal to 10 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa. Lee qualified as an armed career criminal because of two previous violent felony convictions and a prior drug conviction.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer M. Noto, who handled the case, stated that the defendant possessed a .22 caliber Darringer in the vicinity of 586 Lake Avenue, Rochester, New York on June 17, 2008. The handgun was recovered after officers attempted to arrest Lee, who was the subject of a fugitive warrant from the State of Florida.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the direction of Resident Agent-in-Charge, Scott Heagney and members of the Rochester Police Department under the direction of Chief James Sheppard.

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