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FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED IN FIREARMS PROSECUTION

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA— Perez Allen Mann of Deland, Florida, was sentenced to 96 months in federal prison, 3 years supervised release and a special assessment fee of \$300 by U.S. District Judge W. Harold Albritton today. Mann entered a plea of guilty on March 7, 2008, to knowingly possessing firearms after having been convicted of felony offenses, knowingly possessing a sawed-off shotgun without first registering said firearm in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and knowingly possessing body armor having previously been convicted of a felony crime of violence, all violations of federal law, announced U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary.

The investigation of the case began when agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were called to the 165 mile marker of Interstate 65 on December 21, 2005, by Alabama State Trooper Shawn Loughridge. Loughridge had stopped to render assistance to three stranded motorists, Demetria Murphy, Courtney Casey and Mann. The vehicle, driven by Murphy, had broken down while the three were returning from a trip to Atlanta, GA, where Mann had intended to use the sawed-off shotgun to threaten an acquaintance. While assisting the motorists, Trooper Loughridge observed 2 shotguns in the rear cargo area of the vehicle, one of which was a sawed-off shotgun with a modified handle wrapped in duct tape. The three were arrested, and it was discovered that all three had prior convictions

for drug trafficking offenses, to include: distribution of controlled substances and possession with intent to distribute controlled substances. Additionally, Mann had been convicted on two separate occasions for Battery/ Assault of females with whom he had intimate relationships. All three were charged with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), a federal offense which makes it illegal for convicted felons to possess firearms.

On April 16, 2008, Casey received a sentence of 37 months, 3 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment fee, while Murphy received a sentence of 48 months, 3 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment fee. Mann was the last of the trio to be sentenced. Judge Albritton was the sentencing judge for all three defendants.

This case was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Redmond.