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**FORT DEPOSIT FELON SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ILLEGAL  
DRUG AND FIREARM POSSESSION**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA** - Curtis Porterfield, age 48, of Fort Deposit, Alabama, was sentenced in federal district court on July 22, 2008, to a term of five years in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearms and possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute, Leura Canary, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, announced today. Porterfield was also sentenced to serve five years of supervised release under the supervision of a federal probation officer after his release from prison.

Porterfield pled guilty to possessing firearms on three occasions. On September 8, 2006, agents from the Alabama Bureau of Investigation located three firearms in Porterfield's residence, including a pistol, a shotgun, and an assault rifle. On February 24, 2007, an Alabama state trooper found a handgun in Porterfield's car during a stop at a DUI checkpoint. Finally, on October 24, 2007, police serving an arrest warrant on Porterfield found another pistol in his house. During the traffic stop on February 24, 2007, Porterfield also possessed 4.83 grams of crack cocaine. Porterfield is a convicted felon, having been convicted in 1983 on two charges of burglary. Federal law prohibits any person convicted of a felony offense from possessing a firearm.

The case was investigated as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Middle District of Alabama's Alabama ICE (Isolating the Criminal

Element) programs, aimed at preventing violent crime and the illegal possession of firearms. According to United States Attorney Leura G. Canary, “Felons such as Curtis Porterfield, who possess firearms and drugs, make our communities unsafe. Our office is committed to working with local law enforcement to vigorously prosecute those who violate the federal firearms and drug laws.”

This case was investigated through the joint efforts of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, the Alabama State Troopers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force, the Lowndes County District Attorney’s Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Matthew Shepherd.