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ORLANDO MAN RECEIVES 32 YEAR SENTENCE FOR ARMED ROBBERIES

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced today that U.S. District Judge Anne C. Conway has sentenced Earl George Manradge (age 21, of Orlando), to 32 years in federal prison for two robberies and for using firearms in connection with those robberies. Manradge had pleaded guilty to the charges on January 27, 2009.

According to court documents, on May 14, 2008, Manradge entered an auto-parts store on West Church St., in Orlando. He brandished a firearm and demanded cash from the register. A store employee opened the cash register and handed over approximately \$400 to Manradge. Manradge was recorded on the store's video surveillance camera system, and the store employee identified Mandrage as the person who committed the robbery.

On July 6, 2008, Manradge entered another auto-parts store located on East Colonial Drive, in Orlando. He approached a store employee, brandished a .40-caliber Hi Point firearm, and demanded money from the cash register. The employee opened the cash register and handed over approximately \$750 to Manradge. Manradge fled the store and drove away. A customer who was aware of the robbery got in his own car and followed Manradge, calling "911" to notify the police of his location. Orlando police officers

responding to the call stopped the defendant and seized the cash from the store and the loaded firearm Manradge had used. Manradge also was recorded on the store's video surveillance camera system and positively identified as the person who had committed the robbery.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative supported by ATF. United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida, in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials. The program's objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders.

This case was investigated by the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Orlando Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bruce S. Ambrose.