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## **JACKSONVILLE CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 17 YEARS FOR FIREARM POSSESSION**

Jacksonville, Florida - U.S. District Judge Henry Lee Adams, Jr. today sentenced Richard Wally Rose, (age 55, of Jacksonville) to 211 months' imprisonment for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to court documents, during a routine traffic stop, officers with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office saw that Rose was holding ammunition in his hand. Upon questioning, Rose admitted that he had a gun, and officers discovered a loaded Smith and Wesson .357 revolver in Rose's waistband. Rose has multiple felony convictions dating back to 1975.

This case was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives(ATF). It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dineen A. Baker.

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

