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## **ORLANDO FELON SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced today that Senior United States District Judge G. Kendall Sharp has sentenced Terrence Lamar McCain (age 34, of Orlando) to 15 years and 10 months in federal prison for possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony. McCain had pled guilty to the charge on December 15, 2008.

According to court documents, on March 6, 2008, members of the Orlando Police Department's Fugitive Unit arrested McCain in the area of 8004 Mandarin Drive, Orlando, for an outstanding warrant. McCain had a loaded semi-automatic pistol in his right rear pants pocket. He admitted that he had purchased the gun earlier in the week.

Federal law prohibits McCain from possessing a firearm because he previously was convicted of a felony. Furthermore, McCain's extensive criminal record qualified him as an Armed Career Criminal under federal sentencing statutes. At sentencing, the court specifically noted McCain's 17 prior criminal convictions.

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 ATF, the City of Orlando Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr.