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TWO LUFKIN MEN HEAD TO PRISON ON SEPARATE FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

(Lufkin, Texas) Two Lufkin men have been sentenced to federal prison for being Felons in Possession of a Firearm. **JOHNNY JACKSON**, 51, was sentenced yesterday to 37 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Ron Clark. In a separate hearing, Judge Clark sentenced **SHAUN KEVIN BOOTH**, 32, to 120 months in prison.

According to evidence presented in court, Jackson was arrested in July 2004, after a woman pawned a stolen firearm at a Lufkin pawn shop. The woman said she received the firearm from Jackson and she split the money from the pawn shop with him. Jackson admitted that he had purchased the firearm in April or May 2003 for twenty-five dollars. Jackson has three prior felony convictions for Forgery and one each for Attempted Burglary of a Habitation, Burglary of a Building and Theft of a Vehicle. He was on parole at the time of this offense. Jackson pleaded guilty to the firearms charge on July 2, 2004. The Lufkin Police Department investigated this case.

Evidence presented in a separate sentencing hearing disclosed that in March 2004, Booth's mother reported several items, including a shotgun,

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stolen from her residence in Houston County. An investigation revealed that the shotgun had been pawned in Lufkin. Booth later confessed to stealing the shotgun and pleaded guilty on July 28, 2004. Booth has four prior felony convictions in North Carolina. The Lufkin Police Department and the Houston County Sheriff's Office investigated this case.

Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, said,"Convicted felons are prohibited by federal law from buying, selling or possessing firearms. We are aggressively enforcing this law and violators can expect vigorous prosecution."

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America by promoting partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Both cases was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Flournoy.

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