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## **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE PUTS WINONA MAN IN FEDERAL PRISON**

(Tyler, TX) A 33-year-old Winona man has been sentenced to 60 months in federal prison for Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime. **MICHAEL JOSHE MCKINNEY** was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William Steger.

According to evidence presented in court, McKinney was arrested on October 27, 2003, after an officer with the White Oak Police Department pulled him over in Gregg County for failing to display a front license plate. During the traffic stop, it was determined that McKinney was in the possession of a 9 mm pistol, ammunition, marijuana, methamphetamine and various chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. McKinney pleaded guilty on May 10, 2004.

**Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, praised law enforcement for removing another dangerous gun offender from the streets of East**

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**Texas, "The 'Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is getting results. Felons with guns can continue to expect vigorous federal prosecution in the Eastern District of Texas."**

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the White Oak Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Allen Hurst prosecuted the case.

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