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CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED FOR GUN POSSESSION

(Beaumont, Texas) A 30-year-old Lufkin man has been sentenced to 110 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. **FRANKIE LEE NORRIS** was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Ron Clark.

According to information presented in court, Norris was arrested on January 8, 2004, after a local pawn shop owner called to report two intoxicated men, who had just pawned two firearms. Norris and the other individual were stopped by Lufkin Police officers near the pawn shop. A third firearm was located in the vehicle that Norris was driving. The firearms had been reported stolen in a Hudson burglary earlier that day. Norris has a prior felony conviction for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child in Angelina County in 1992.

Norris pleaded guilty to the gun charge on May 26, 2004.

Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, praised the Lufkin Police for getting another armed and dangerous felon off the streets, "Convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms and will be vigorously prosecuted."

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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.

The case was investigated by the Lufkin Police Department and the Hudson Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Flournoy prosecuted the case.

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