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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Matthew Yancey, 18, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 21 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for being an unlawful user of marijuana in possession of a loaded .22 caliber revolver. Yancey's sentence will be followed by a three-year term of supervised release.

The loaded firearm was recovered in Yancey's pocket on June 17, 2008, when he was arrested on an outstanding warrant for burglary. Officers also recovered marijuana and under federal law it is unlawful for users of controlled substances to possess firearms.

The charge against Yancey was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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