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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that John High, 34, of Madison, Wis., was found guilty by a jury of being a felon in possession of a firearm today following a two-day trial in federal court in Madison.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for February 8, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. High faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison, unless it is determined that he is an armed career criminal, subject to the enhanced penalty provisions of federal law, which provides for a mandatory minimum fifteen-year term of imprisonment and a maximum term of life in prison.

On May 1, 2007, Madison Police Department officers executed a search warrant at High's grandmother's residence on Schroeder Road and located a .22 caliber revolver and a box of .22 caliber ammunition in the bedroom High occupied. The government proved that High lived with his grandmother because his personal belongings were in the bedroom, mail addressed to him at that address was located throughout the apartment, and High repeatedly told his probation officer that he was living with his grandmother. The probation officer also testified that she had conducted a home visit

with High at the Schroeder Road apartment.

The .22 caliber revolver was recovered in a closet, next to a box that contained mail and prescription medicine belonging to High. The .22 caliber ammunition was found lying next to the television in the same room.

The charge against High 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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