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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Lazzerick M. Alexander, 27, of Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 225 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing two firearms and ammunition as a convicted felon. Alexander pleaded guilty to this charge on August 29, 2007. This sentence will be served consecutive to a probation revocation sentence Alexander is currently serving in Dane Co. Circuit Court Case No. 04CF101.

On April 16, 2007, police received information that Alexander was armed and that he drove a white Buick Riviera. Police then learned a repossession company was looking for the Riviera when the company asked for police backup when repossessing the car. The car was stopped and Alexander was a passenger in it. After the car was repossessed, the police received permission from the company to search it, and officers recovered one loaded pistol in the engine compartment.

Police officers then went to the apartment where Alexander was staying and received permission from his girlfriend to search her apartment. Officers recovered

another pistol and ammunition.

Because Alexander's criminal history includes two felony convictions for serious drug offenses and one felony conviction for a violent offense, he is an armed career criminal. Accordingly, Alexander could not have received a sentence lower than a statutory minimum of 15 years.

The charge against Alexander was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department's West District Community Policing Team. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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