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Norfolk, Virginia – Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Nader Zaki Abdelhay, age 30, of Richmond, Virginia, was sentenced today in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to serve a total of 41 months incarceration as a result of his convictions for possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon and making false material statements to law enforcement officers. Abdelhay was convicted after a trial held on August 19, 2003.

The case arose during the course of an unrelated investigation when agents entered a convenience store in Norfolk, managed by Abdelhay, and noticed two handguns behind the counter. When interviewed, Abdelhay claimed the guns belonged to him and denied that he was a convicted felon, after which the agents left the store. After determining that Abdelhay was indeed a convicted felon, the agents returned to the store, arrested him and seized the guns.

Mr. McNulty said: “The United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia prosecutes hundreds of individuals who illegally possess firearms each year. The defendant in this case fits squarely into that category.”

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Tidewater Joint Terrorism Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Moore prosecuted the case.

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