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## BIRMINGHAM MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES

**BIRMINGHAM, AL** - TYRONE DEXTER HAMILTON, 34, of Birmingham, was sentenced in United States District Court today by Judge R. David Proctor, to fifteen years in prison for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On June 22, 2007, Birmingham Police Officers were working off-duty at a nightclub on Richard Arrington, Jr. Boulevard. The officers heard gunshots fired nearby and observed HAMILTON standing in the street firing a handgun at a car. After HAMILTON attempted to run from officers, he was subsequently captured and arrested.

HAMILTON had been convicted of numerous prior offenses including Robbery in 2007 and Assault in 1992 and 2000.

"Because of the diligence of our local law enforcement, and the continued efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, we were able to get this felon with multiple criminal convictions off our streets," stated United States Attorney, Alice H. Martin.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Birmingham Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph P. Montminy on behalf of the U.S. Government.

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