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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Calvin Watson, 39, Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 90 months in prison, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for unlawfully possessing three firearms and ammunition as a convicted felon. Watson pleaded guilty to this charge on January 28, 2008.

On August 30, 2007, Watson sold one of the firearms in the Allied Drive neighborhood. The other two firearms, a .44 Magnum revolver and a semi-automatic rifle with a high capacity magazine, were recovered from a consent search of Watson's girlfriend's car that same day.

Watson's 90-month sentence reflects the fact that in August 2007 he was on extended supervision for a prior felon in possession of firearms conviction in Dane County Circuit Court. Watson's extended supervision was revoked in October 2007 and his federal sentence was ordered to run consecutively to that sentence.

The charge against Watson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.