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Minot Man Sentenced on Gun and Drug Charges

MINOT - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on May 5, 2008, **Darius C. Calhoun, a/k/a Bosco**, 39, of Minot, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on charges of possession of firearms by a convicted felon, distribution of a controlled substance, and conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute controlled substances.

Calhoun pleaded guilty to the charges on January 18, 2008.

In February 2006 **Calhoun** possessed two rifles which he sold to the Sportsmen's Loft in Minot. Both firearms had been traded by a person to **Calhoun** in exchange for cocaine. **Calhoun** was prohibited from possessing firearms by virtue of his prior criminal record for theft, as party to a crime, a felony, on or about September 24, 1993, in Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin; possession of a firearm by a felon, habitual criminality, a felony, on or about December 19, 1996 in Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin; and possession of a controlled substance - cocaine, a felony on or about August 28, 1996, in Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. **Calhoun** also

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engaged in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine in which he obtained and distributed a total of 25-50 grams of cocaine in the Minot area between February 2006 and March 2006.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Calhoun** to serve seven years in federal prison, to be followed by two years of supervised release. **Calhoun** was ordered to pay \$300 in special assessments to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Ward County Narcotics Task Force, Metro Area Safe Trails Task Force of Bismarck, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, along with assistance from the Ward County State's Attorney's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Scott Schneider prosecuted the case.

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