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## **St. Paul man sentenced to 200 months for being an armed career criminal in possession of ammunition**

A 54-year-old St. Paul man was sentenced today in federal court to 200 months in prison for being a felon in possession of ammunition.

United States District Court Chief Judge James Rosenbaum also sentenced Arlan Michael Arnold to five years of supervised release May 21 in Minneapolis. Arnold was indicted on March 27, 2007, and pleaded guilty to the charge on June 15.

According to Arnold's plea agreement, he knowingly possessed eight live rounds of .32-caliber ammunition on Oct. 13, 2006. Arnold was convicted of several felonies in 1998 and 1999, including robbery and drug crimes in Ramsey and Washington counties.

Arnold also agreed that he possessed the ammunition in connection with a controlled substance offense, namely possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. The ammunition was manufactured outside of Minnesota.

According to a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) affidavit, St. Paul Police stopped Arnold for speeding. Officers saw a glass pipe sticking out of Arnold's shirt pocket, and when police removed the pipe, a small bag containing an off-white crystal substance also came out of the pocket. Arnold was arrested.

Police also recovered a second bag containing a substance, later determined to be methamphetamine, from Arnold's left front pants pocket, along with approximately \$1,900 in cash. In Arnold's right front pants pocket, officers found the eight rounds of ammunition. During a search of Arnold's vehicle, police recovered a revolver from in between the driver's seat and the back rest.

This case was the result of an investigation by the St. Paul Police Department and the ATF, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erica H. MacDonald.

