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Michigan man sentenced to 293 months in prison for possessing a firearm

A 34 year-old Michigan man was sentenced last week to 293 months in prison on one count of felon in possession of a firearm.

United States District Court Judge Michael Davis also sentenced Tyrone Shadale Oaks to five years of supervised release June 24 in Minneapolis. Oaks was indicted on Sept. 10, 2007, and was found guilty by a jury on Feb. 27.

According to his indictment, Oaks knowingly possessed a .9-millimeter, semi-automatic pistol on July 18, 2007. Oaks has been previously convicted of at least three separate violent felonies between 1992 and 2004 – two in Minnesota (robbery and assault) and one in Michigan (attempted breaking and entering).

This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Minneapolis Park Police. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erika R. Mozangue.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun crime in America that was launched in 2001. It networks existing local programs that target gun crime and provides them with additional tools in the effort to make our streets and communities a much more safe place.