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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jason A. Krumwiede, 27, of Medford, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to stealing firearms from a federally registered firearm dealer and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The facts presented by the government at the plea hearing established that at approximately 4:30 a.m., on March 9, 2008, Krumwiede was apprehended by the Medford Police and Taylor County Sheriff's deputies who responded to a burglar alarm at Main Street Guns & Knives, a federally licensed gun dealer, in Medford. As Krumwiede was coming out of the rear of the store which he had forcibly entered, police ordered him to stop, but Krumwiede ran. Sheriff's deputies located him hiding in a dumpster a short distance away and took him into custody. He had two handguns in his possession at the time of his arrest, but police determined that 32 other firearms were being placed in bags or cases with the intent to remove them from the store. Krumwiede was previously convicted of two felony offenses, including burglary. His felon status prohibited him from possessing any firearms.

U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for November 25,

2008. Krumwiede faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a 3-year period of supervised release for each offense.

The charges against Jason A. Krumwiede were the result of an investigation conducted by the Medford Police Department, the Taylor County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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