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**CONVICTED MURDERER FOUND GUILTY**  
**IN FEDERAL FIREARM CASE SENTENCED TO LIFE**

**SAVANNAH:** Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that a four-time convicted felon and murderer, **WILLIAM “KENNY” CAPPS**, of Waycross, was sentenced on July 2, 2008, to life imprisonment without parole for possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. The sentenced was imposed by U.S. District Chief Judge William T. Moore, Jr. Capps had been found guilty in a jury trial on Monday, March 11th, in U.S. District Court in Waycross.

Booth stated that Capps’s previous convictions included malice murder, felonious assault, and assault with intent to cause great bodily harm (2 separate convictions). Booth further noted that under federal law this means he was designated as an “Armed Career Criminal,” and faced a statutory minimum penalty of 15 years to life. Under the federal sentencing guidelines, however, because of his record and the fact that the gun was used to commit a murder, his recommended sentence was life.

The evidence at trial established that on July 10, 2005, Capps left his residence in Waycross armed with his girlfriend's .38 caliber revolver, traveled to the home of a man alleged to have been his "crack" cocaine dealer, and in the course of a dispute, produced the weapon and opened fire. The bullet fired by Capps killed his victim. After the shooting, Capps fled the scene, ultimately being arrested later that night hiding in the shower of his home. The .38 caliber revolver used in the shooting was also recovered from the shower, and was matched by ballistic comparison to bullet recovered from the body of the victim.

The investigation was conducted by the Waycross Police Department, the Brantley County Sheriff's Office, Brantley County 911, Ware County 911, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Booth praised the cooperation between federal, state and local law enforcement. Representing the United States in the federal firearm prosecution were Assistant United States Attorneys Darrin L. McCullough and Julie Wade.

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