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FORMER HOBSON CITY POLICE CHIEF SENTENCED

BIRMINGHAM, AL - DARYL PARKER, 54, of Lincoln, Alabama, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to forty-six months in federal prison. Parker pled guilty to the charges of selling firearms to a convicted felon, and extorting money under color of official right to release an impounded vehicle. He was indicted in October, 2006.

"A corrupt cop cannot hide behind a badge," stated Alice H. Martin, United States Attorney. "Integrity will be restored through quick investigation and strong prosecution. I commend local law enforcement."

Parker cooperated in the investigation after confronted with the allegations, and was remorseful for his choices in breaking the law. U.S. District Court Judge Lynwood Smith stated that a Police Chief is a position of trust, and that punishment should reflect the seriousness of the crime. Judge Smith also noted Parker's cooperation and health condition. Therefore, forty-six months for each count will run concurrently. Parker will report to prison on June 27, 2007.

This matter was investigated by the Calhoun/Cleburne County Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, along with Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Pat Meadows prosecuted this matter on behalf of the U.S. Government.

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