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ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

Dorsey Was Resident Of HUD Elderly Living Facility

Atlanta, GA - JERALD JEROME DORSEY, 53, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced late today by United States District Judge Orinda D. Evans on a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, which made him an armed career criminal.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "This prosecution and sentence exemplify our commitment to protect the citizens of our district from dangerous criminals, and the elderly residents of the Capitol Tower Apartments are safer as a result. No one should be terrorized by a career criminal who was using a residential building for prostitution and drug dealing."

"This case began with residents who are fed up with drugs and violent crime in their community and stepped up to the plate. We're pleased to announce the criminal justice system's response to their complaints," said ATF Special Agent in Charge Vanessa McLemore. "With a history dating back over 30 years, this armed career criminal needed to be forced into retirement; and we did it together."

DORSEY was sentenced to 15 years in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. DORSEY was convicted of this charge by a federal jury on April 4, 2007.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: In 2005, DORSEY was a resident of a HUD elderly living facility in Atlanta, Capitol Towers Apartments. The evidence at trial revealed that the defendant allowed prostitutes to use his apartment in exchange for money, and that the defendant used and distributed drugs from his apartment. According to statements in court during the sentencing, many of the elderly residents in that facility filed complaints with the management company about the DORSEY's illegal activities. The management company subsequently requested assistance from the Atlanta Police Department. When APD went to his apartment, they found him in possession of crack cocaine and a firearm. DORSEY is an armed career criminal with prior convictions that include possession of a sawed-off

shotgun, burglary, possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, and possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, with assistance from the Atlanta Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Angela M. Jordan prosecuted the case.

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