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## **CLARK COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

### PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ROBERT D. SAMPLES, 47, of Charlestown, Indiana, was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a sawed-off shotgun. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, and part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

In the change of plea hearing that immediately preceded the sentencing SAMPLES admitted that on or about January 21, 2005, he possessed a sawed-off shotgun after he had sustained a felony conviction for dealing in cocaine.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 2 years supervised release following SAMPLES' release from imprisonment. SAMPLES was also fined \$500.

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