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EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED AS ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that LIONEL S. HUNTER, 41, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to possession of a firearm by a felon. This case was the result of a investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

On February 3, 2006, after a traffic stop, police discovered HUNTER in possession of a firearm. Because he had sustained three previous felony convictions in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, for dealing in cocaine, HUNTER was sentenced as an Armed Career Criminal. A person possessing a firearm who qualifies as an Armed Career Criminal faces a minimum, mandatory sentence of fifteen years in prison.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 5 years supervised release following HUNTER's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, HUNTER must submit to drug testing.

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