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JASPER MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING FIREARMS AFTER FELONY CONVICTIONS

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JAMES SCHNELL, 57, of Jasper, Indiana, was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his conviction at trial for possession of a firearm by a felon. This case was the result of a investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

SCHNELL was convicted of possessing a total of 193 firearms and about 37,000 rounds of ammunition. All of the ammunition and less than 100 firearms were located at his home in Jasper, Indiana in March 10, 2005. SCHNELL had a few more than 100 firearms stored at the home of another Jasper resident. These were recovered in May, 2006. Because SCHNELL was previously convicted of a felony for filing a false individual income tax return in 1984, and for possessing a firearm after a felony conviction in 1992, SCHNELL could not lawfully possess either firearms or ammunition.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following SCHNELL's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, SCHNELL must undergo drug testing.

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