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EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A PRIOR FELON

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ANTHONY M. STEPPO, 32, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 84 months 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 an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Evansville Police Department.

STEPPO possessed a firearm on November 20, 2006, after he had sustained two felony convictions for controlled substances offenses in Vanderburgh County. STEPPO also admitted that he possessed the firearm in connection with another felony offense of dealing in methamphetamine.

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 STEPPO's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, STEPPO must undergo drug testing.

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