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FORMER VIRGINIA RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 50 MONTHS AFTER GUILTY PLEA TO BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CLARENCE WILLIAM GROGG , 50, formerly of Virginia, was sentenced to 50 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to being a felon in possession of a firearm.. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Indiana State Police.

On September 18, 2006, law enforcement officers at the Indianapolis International Airport observed GROGG arriving on a flight from Europe through Detroit. Police had been alerted by a citizen that GROGG had a weapon in his vehicle. Police confronted GROGG and obtained his consent to search the vehicle he left parked in airport, short-term parking. They found a .357 magnum revolver in a suitcase, which was left in the vehicle while GROGG traveled in Europe. GROGG has 1990 and 1995 felony convictions for bank robbery from the States of Washington and California, respectively.

Chief Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following GROGG's release from imprisonment. The firearm that was the subject of this prosecution was forfeited.

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