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INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED FOR BEING FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOHN L. WHITNEY, 39, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 80 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 a investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

On January 19, 2007, WHITNEY was a passenger in a car pulled over near the intersection of 16th Street and Somerset Avenue in Indianapolis. The driver of the car in which WHITNEY was riding was subject to a routine traffic stop.

During the traffic stop, police learned that WHITNEY was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear. When a police officer removed WHITNEY from the car, he observed the handle of a firearm protruding from underneath the front passenger seat where WHITNEY had been sitting. The weapon was a loaded, Russian Makarov, 9 mm semi-automatic pistol. WHITNEY later acknowledged he possessed the weapon. WHITNEY had previously been convicted of Criminal Confinement, a Class D Felony, in Marion County Superior Court in 2002.

Chief Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following WHITNEY's release from imprisonment and imposed a \$500 fine.

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