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JACKSONVILLE ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL RECEIVES 15 YEARS

Jacksonville, Florida - Today United States District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan sentenced Rayshawn Robertson, age 29, to 15 years in federal prison. Robertson was prosecuted for being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to the court records, Robertson was a passenger in a car that was stopped for a traffic violation. During the stop, Jacksonville Sheriff's Officers located a loaded 9mm pistol near Robertson's seat. According to the Indictment, Robertson has prior convictions for resisting an officer with violence, fraudulent use of a credit card and four convictions for selling cocaine.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the State Attorney's Office for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.. United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, is coordinating the

cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

_____The case was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Talbot.