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SHREVEPORT MAN SENTENCED IN CONNECTION WITH SHOOTING OF POLICE OFFICER

Shreveport police officer shot in the face

SHREVEPORT, La.: LUCIEN J. TRAMMELL, 25, of Shreveport, will spend the next 10 years in prison for federal firearms charges that arose out of the shooting of a Shreveport police officer, U. S. Attorney Donald Washington announced today. TRAMMELL received the maximum possible sentence under the statute by United States District Judge Tom Stagg. TRAMMELL also received three years of supervised release to be served after his 10-year sentence.

A federal jury convicted TRAMMELL of possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon on July 29, 2008. TRAMMEL still faces a state attempted first degree murder charge in the First Judicial District Court of Louisiana.

On January 29, 2008, as Shreveport Police Officer John Madjerick attempted to search TRAMMELL after a traffic stop, TRAMMELL produced a .40 caliber Glock handgun and shot Madjerick in the face. TRAMMELL then fled on foot, tossing the handgun into some underbrush on a vacant lot before breaking into a nearby house and changing his clothes. He was later arrested in Houston, Texas, by the U. S. Marshal

Service Fugitive Task Force. TRAMMELL also has prior felony state convictions for possession of stolen goods and possession of cocaine.

Officer Madjerick survived the shooting and has since returned to duty.

U. S. Attorney Donald Washington stated: "On a daily basis, law enforcement officers face life and death situations to help their fellow citizens live in safety. For the sake of public safety and the families of law enforcement officers, violent crime against a law enforcement officer must and will always be vigorously investigated and prosecuted on a priority basis. This is the very least we should do for those who serve the great cause of public safety."

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide program begun in 2001 and was designed to reduce violence in our communities by aggressively using existing federal firearms laws. This case was investigated by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Shreveport Field Office, in conjunction with the Shreveport Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorneys J. Scott Williams and C. Mignonne Griffing.

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