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DEFENDANT SENTENCED ON FIREARMS CHARGES

MOBILE, AL—A federal judge in Mobile sentenced a Mobile man to seven years in prison following the defendant's guilty plea to being in possession of 15 firearms after having been previously convicted of three felonies, United States Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes of the Southern District of Alabama announced today. Mark Patrick Ahmadi, 42, pleaded guilty to the charge in January 2008, and faced a maximum sentence of ten years in prison. In a plea agreement, prosecutors recommended the low end of the guideline sentencing range when Ahmadi waived his right to trial and entered his guilty plea. The charges arose when authorities searched Ahmadi's home in June 2007 and found the weapons, one of which was a stolen .40 caliber Glock pistol, in a safe. Court records reflect that on June 7, 2007, just a little over two weeks prior to the search, Ahmadi had been given a split sentence involving jail diversion in Mobile County Circuit Court on a felony drug possession charge.

The charges resulted from investigations conducted by the Mobile Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Cherry.

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