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CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Jacksonville, Florida - U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan today sentenced Dijon Jasmin, an armed career criminal, to fifteen years' imprisonment for possessing a .22 caliber pistol. Jasmin entered a plea of guilty on October 17, 2007, to the charge of a felon possessing a firearm.

According to court documents, Jasmin had prior convictions for Escape, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Kidnaping, Sale of Cocaine, Grand Theft, Sale of Cannabis and Possession of Cocaine While Armed. Jasmin had only been out of prison six months before he was caught with a gun.

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

This is another case prosecuted as a part of 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 is coordinating the effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violence crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

