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Portland Man Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charge

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **David Paul Nanos**, 24, of Portland, Maine, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Portland to 120 months imprisonment and 5 years supervised release, for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Nanos had previously pleaded guilty to the offense.

According to court records, on April 26, 2006, Nanos participated in a home invasion in Buxton during which he possessed a Mauser 7.65 mm semiautomatic pistol. Nanos fired several shots from the gun during the home invasion. The owner of the home returned fire, injuring Nanos's hand. At the time Nanos possessed the gun, he had sustained ten felony convictions, including eight convictions for burglary, and was therefore prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Nanos's partner in the home invasion, Ryan Butterworth, was sentenced on March 6, 2008 to 71 months imprisonment on a federal firearms charge stemming from his possession of a firearm during the incident.

The case was a part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, which coordinates the efforts of federal and state agencies. The Project's goal is to increase successful prosecution of firearms cases and educate potential offenders on the serious consequences of illegal gun use and possession.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Buxton Police Department, the York County Sheriff's Office and the Biddeford Police Department.

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