



SELECTED FEDERAL GUN LAWS FACT SHEET

ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL – 18 U.S.C. § 924 (e) (1) 1 + 3 = 15 years

- 1 firearm possessed +
- 3 prior state or federal felony convictions for “violent felonies” and/or “serious drug offenses”
- mandatory minimum sentence = 15 years
no parole in federal system
will serve 85% of sentence
sentence may be more than 15 years

USE OR CARRY – 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A) 1 + 0 = 5-30 years

- 1 firearm “used” or “carried” in furtherance of a federal “crime of violence” or a federal “drug trafficking crime” +
- 0 prior convictions
- mandatory *consecutive* sentence = 5 years
- if “brandished,” mandatory *consecutive* sentence = 7 years
- if “discharged,” mandatory *consecutive* sentence = 10 years
- if a short-barreled rifle, short-barreled shotgun or semi-automatic assault weapon, mandatory *consecutive* sentence = 10 years
- if a machine gun or destructive device, or a firearm equipped with a silencer, mandatory *consecutive* sentence = 30 years
- *these mandatory prison terms are in addition to the sentence for the crime of violence or drug-trafficking*

STRAW PURCHASES – 18 U.S.C. § 924 (a)(1)(A) 5 years maximum

- an individual purchasing a gun for someone else who is forbidden from purchasing a gun legally
- in some instances charged as making a false statement on ATF forms under 18 U.S.C. § 1001