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**ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED
TO NEARLY 20 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

***Robinson Had 66 Previous State Arrests,
22 Felony Convictions, 14 Misdemeanor Convictions***

Atlanta, GA - LARRY ROBINSON, 46, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced today to nearly 20 years in federal prison by United States District Judge Jack T. Camp on a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "This defendant had been convicted of felony crimes an astounding 22 times, and convicted of misdemeanor offenses another 14 times, in state courts. He was also arrested 30 other times. He is the quintessential career criminal, but now he has faced justice in federal court. In stark contrast to the 120-day sentence he received for his last armed flight from Atlanta Police officers, he will deservedly spend much of the rest of his life in federal prison."

ROBINSON was sentenced to 19 years, 7 months in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system. ROBINSON was convicted of these charges by a federal jury on May 28, 2008.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On February 4, 2007, Atlanta Police officers were on routine patrol in the area of Morgan Street and Boulevard when they observed what they believed to be an illegal drug transaction between ROBINSON and an unidentified individual standing on the street. When the officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on ROBINSON's vehicle, he drove into a parking lot and jumped out of the vehicle attempting to flee on foot. ROBINSON then jumped off a six-foot wall and fell to the ground. When he fell, the officers observed him drop his loaded 9mm pistol. The defendant was handcuffed and the loaded pistol was seized. On March 29, 2007, ROBINSON was convicted in Fulton County Superior Court in that case, and was sentenced on those charges to one year in jail, which was commuted to time served after 120 days, and upon entry into a residential drug treatment program.

ROBINSON was then indicted and tried in federal court. The evidence presented at trial showed that when ROBINSON jumped from his car, he left the car in gear. The officer had to put ROBINSON'S car in park before he could pursue him over the 6 foot wall into the back yard of a residence. When ROBINSON jumped into the back yard, he dropped his firearm and tried to continue to flee. The officers caught up to the defendant and attempted to place him in handcuffs. ROBINSON resisted arrest and reached to his waist area where the firearm had previously been located. During the struggle with the officers, a small bag of marijuana fell out of ROBINSON's coat. The officers were able to get the defendant into handcuffs, and when the gun was recovered it was loaded with 11 rounds of ammunition.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

Assistant United States Attorney Angela M. Jordan prosecuted the case.

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