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ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO OVER 15 YEARS IN PRISON

Defendant Sentenced for Possessing a Firearm After Prior Felony Convictions

Atlanta, GA - AMAL DUHART, 33, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced late yesterday by United States District Judge Willis B. Hunt, Jr., on the charge of possessing a firearm as an armed career criminal.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of today's sentencing, "This prosecution and sentence exemplify our commitment to protect the citizens of Atlanta from dangerous recidivist criminals. The residents of the Old Fourth Ward area are safer as a result of removing this armed repeat offender from their community."

DUHART was sentenced to 15 years, 8 months in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. DUHART pleaded guilty to the charge on June 18, 2008.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On August 8, 2007, City of Atlanta Police Department Officer T.C. Smith apprehended DUHART at the intersection of North Avenue and Boulevard Drive in the Old Fourth Ward area of the City of Atlanta. DUHART was carrying a Jimenez Arms, 9 mm pistol. Two victims at the scene told Officer Smith that DUHART had pointed the pistol at them. Following DUHART'S arrest, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Special Agents determined that DUHART was a convicted felon, having been previously convicted of three felony offenses involving drug trafficking and crimes of violence.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the ATF.

Assistant United States Attorney Richard S. Moultrie, Jr. prosecuted the case.

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