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FINAL DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN GUN THEFT CASE

RALEIGH - United States Attorney George E.B. Holding announced that in federal court here today United States District Judge James C. Dever, III, sentenced **TREVIN MAURICE GIBSON**, 19, of Greenville, North Carolina for charges relating to the robbery of Washington Marine and Sporting Center in Washington, North Carolina. **GIBSON** received 54 months' imprisonment followed by three years supervised release. Restitution in the amount of \$6,651.55 was also imposed.

A Federal Grand Jury returned a Superseding Criminal Indictment on March 14, 2008. On April 21, 2008, **GIBSON** pled guilty to aiding and abetting the possession of stolen firearms. On November 28, 2007, in the early morning hours, three stolen vehicles were driven into the parking lot of Washington Marine and Sporting Center. **GIBSON** and his co-defendants, Joshua Michael Roden, James Lee McGee, Marvin Wendell Thomas, and Tracy O'Brien Knight, got out of the vehicles, broke the glass of the front door and entered the business. Heading toward the firearms section of the store, they began removing rifles and shotguns from the wall mounted gun racks. The security alarm sounded inside the store and the defendants fled with the weapons. To date, only three of the

firearms have been recovered.

Referring to this case, Mr. Holding stated, "**Stolen firearms are high value street items desired by other criminals to use when committing crimes. As such, stealing firearms is a very serious offense. The sentence delivered today reflects this seriousness and should send a message to others that deter this conduct.**"

The Special Agent in Charge of the ATF Charlotte Field Division, Zebedee T. Graham added, "We can assure the public and the licensed firearm's dealers in the country that we take the burglary and theft of firearms from the legitimate firearms businesses very serious. We will investigate all of these type crimes and pursue a vigorous prosecution of anyone brazen enough to engage in this conduct."

GIBSON'S co-defendants were sentenced September 17, 2008.

Investigation of the case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office, the Martin County Sheriff's Office, the Washington Police Department, the Greenville Police Department, the Robersonville Police Department, and the Cullman County, Alabama Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney John Bennett served as prosecutor for the government.

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