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William J. Edwards, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio and Special Agent in Charge Christopher P. Sadowski, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Columbus Field Division, today announced the sentencing of Louis K. Davis, age 50. U.S. District Judge Peter C. Economus sentenced Davis to 15 years incarceration in federal prison for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Davis was sentenced as an armed career criminal as he has three previous felony convictions for crimes of violence. Davis was previously convicted of Burglary in 1980, Burglary in 1983 and Rape and Aggravated Burglary in Mahoning County in 1988. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

According to court documents, Davis pled guilty and admitted that on October 4, 2007, officers with the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force stopped a vehicle driven by Davis to investigate a traffic violation. Davis admitted that he told officers that his license was in the trunk and that he would have to retrieve it from there. He was allowed to go to the car's trunk and open it. When he opened the trunk, the officers saw marijuana in bags and a large amount of cash. Davis was then placed under arrest for state charges for drug possession. During a search of the car, officers found Davis' drivers license under the driver's seat next to a loaded Smith and Wesson, Model SW40VE, .40 caliber pistol.

The investigation was conducted by ATF Youngstown Field Office and the Mahoning Valley Law Enforcement Task Force and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Linda Barr.

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