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**ELIZABETHTOWN FELON SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS AND NINE
MONTHS FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF 29 FIREARMS**

-SKS Assault Rifle among Firearms Sold to Undercover Detective

LOUISVILLE, KY - Michael E. Humphrey, age 50, of 234 East Spring Street, Radcliff, Kentucky, in Hardin County, was sentenced to 4 years and 9 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possession a firearm that after he had been convicted of a felony, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, and Chris Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Columbus Field Division, jointly announced today. Charles R. Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Humphrey to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

On August 29, 2008, Humphrey pled guilty to possessing firearms after he had been convicted of a felony. The investigation began when a Confidential Informant tipped an Indianapolis Police Department detective that Humphrey was trying to find a buyer for a large number of firearms. On February 26, 2005, Humphrey met an undercover Indiana State Police detective in Indianapolis and sold him 23 firearms, including a Norinco 7.62 X 39 semiautomatic rifle and a Hi-Point model 995 9mm semiautomatic rifle. All of the firearms sold on that

occasion had previously traveled in interstate commerce, and at least one of the firearms had been reported stolen from a residence in Grayson County, Kentucky. Humphrey also admitted that on April 9, 2005, he met with the undercover Indiana State Police detective in Indianapolis again and sold him 6 more firearms. All of the firearms sold on that occasion had previously traveled in interstate commerce. Included among the firearms sold by the defendant on that occasion was a Remington 522 Viper .22 caliber semiautomatic rifle. Finally, Humphrey admitted that he had been previously been convicted of the following felony offenses:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>COURT</u>
09/17/1996	flagrant non support	96-CR-0168	Hardin Co.,KY Circuit Court
04/16/2002	flagrant non support	01-CR-0583	Hardin Co.,KY Circuit Court

All of the crimes alleged in the Indictment occurred in Indianapolis, Indiana. Humphrey entered a guilty plea in the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky pursuant to Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, which allows a defendant to waive his right to a trial in the District where the Indictment was returned and agree to have the case transferred to the District where he resides.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Thomas W. Dyke from the Western District of Kentucky and Matthew Rinka from the Southern District of Indiana. The Indianapolis Field Office of ATF conducted the investigation in partnership with the Indianapolis Police Department and the Indiana State Police as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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