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3 Time Convicted Felon Sentenced to 15 Years in Federal Prison

YOUNGSTOWN, Oh.- William J. Edwards, U.S. Attorney, 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 that Anthony L. Hall, age 30, of Cleveland was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Hall was sentenced as an armed career criminal as he has multiple felony convictions including, felonious assault, aggravated robbery and aggravated robbery with a firearm specification. Convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Hall pled guilty on November 3, 2008 in U.S. District Court in Youngstown. He admitted in his guilty plea that he possessed a Ruger .357 revolver on or about January 12, 2008. On January 12, 2008, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Police Detectives investigated a complaint of gunshots fired into a residence on Curtis Court. During the investigation, the detectives located Hall and determined that he was in possession of a revolver.

“Removing violent criminals from the community is a primary mission of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). This case demonstrates the successful cooperation of local and federal authorities,” said Edwards.

“A firearm in the hands of a convicted violent felon poses inherent dangers to the community. ATF will continue to partner with local and state local enforcement to remove violent criminals from our streets,” said Sadowski.

The investigation was conducted by ATF and CMHA as part of the U.S. Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). ATF is the lead federal law enforcement agency in the PSN initiative, investigating violent firearms offenders, firearms traffickers, and gangs who use firearms. PSN began in May, 2001 and is a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence and promoting safe communities. PSN combats gun violence by bringing together local, state and federal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and community leaders to implement a multi-faceted strategy to deter and punish gun violence.

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