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### **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS UPDATE**

United States Attorney Jim M. Greenlee announced today in Oxford that Charles Early and William Atkins of Greenville, Mississippi, were sentenced in federal court in Greenville, Mississippi on December 29, 2004. United States District Judge W. Allen Pepper, Jr. sentenced Early to 57 months imprisonment and Atkins to 42 months imprisonment. Atkins and Early previously entered individual guilty pleas in United States District Court in Greenville to the felony offense of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Both cases stemmed from a continuing investigation into federal firearms offenses conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Greenville Police Department as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhood is a nationwide federal initiative aimed at reducing gun crimes in America.

The prosecutions were handled by Assistant United States Attorneys James D. Maxwell, II and John Marshall Alexander.

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