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## **Felon in Possession of Firearm Found Guilty on all 21 Counts - Faces 18 Mandatory Life Sentences**

Minneapolis - One of the leaders of a robbery ring responsible for a string of violent armed bar robberies that terrorized local establishments in the Twin Cities area was convicted by a federal jury.

Following six days of trial, the jury deliberated about a day and half before finding Carlos Lattrell McAdory, age 28, from St. Paul, guilty on all 21 counts of the indictment: one count of conspiracy, nine counts of robbery affecting interstate commerce, nine counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, and two counts of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. The verdict was returned late afternoon on Thursday, January 27, 2005.

As a result of McAdory's criminal history, which includes three serious violent felony convictions in Ramsey County for aggravated assault involving a firearm, McAdory faces a mandatory life sentence on eighteen counts of the indictment. The actual sentence will be determined by Judge Joan N. Ericksen.

Six co-defendants involved in a string of at least 18 armed bar robberies pled guilty prior to trial. Paris Treville Cummings, age 24; Clyde Mack Minor, age 24; Tavaughn Lamar Combs, age 26; Lamont Lee Gross, age 24; Michael Wayne Kibble, age 25; all from St. Paul, and Sean Laray Mason, age and address unknown, pled guilty to various robbery affecting interstate commerce counts along with counts of possessing a firearm in furtherance of the robberies.

The robberies happened at neighborhood area bars. Generally, the armed robbers entered the bars, ordered everyone to the floor, and took money from cash registers and pull-tab booths. On several occasions, patrons sustained injuries during the robberies.

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According to evidence during trial, McAdory is the one who had the gun in most of the robberies and threatened innocent bar employees and patrons with violence and death. He also assaulted several customers, causing bodily harm.

The victim bars were: Winners Tavern, Scooters Bar, John & Pauls, Skarda's Bar, Billy's Victorian Bar, Knightcap Bar, Viaduct Inn, Mounds Park Lounge, Ron's Bar, Gopher Bar, Kelly's Depot Bar and Grill, and New Frontier Saloon, all in St. Paul; 331 Club in Minneapolis; West St. Paul Commercial Club Bar; and the Fred Babcock VFW Post 5555 in Richfield.

The case is the result of an investigation involving the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the St. Paul Police Department, and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. Also involved in the investigation were: the Richfield Police Department, the Minneapolis Police Department, the Golden Valley Police Department, the West St. Paul Police Department, the Mounds View Police Department, and the Minnesota Gang Strike Force. Assistant United States Attorneys Erica MacDonald and Chris Wilton prosecuted the case.

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