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Project Safe Neighborhoods :

**NEW HAVEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL GUN
POSSESSION**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, today announced that ROBERT GALLISHAW, age 22, of 6 Garden Street, New Haven, has pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Senior United States District Judge Alfred V. Covello accepted GALLISHAW's plea of guilty yesterday, March 8, in Hartford.

In January, a federal grand jury indicted GALLISHAW for violating the federal law that makes it illegal for a person who has previously been convicted of a felony offense to possess a firearm. GALLISHAW was arrested by the New Haven Police Department on September 21, 2004 in the vicinity of the Quinnipiac Terrace housing complex in New Haven. According to the prosecutor, at the time of his arrest, GALLISHAW was found to be in possession of a .38 caliber Special revolver. According to the Indictment, prior to September 21, 2004, GALLISHAW had been convicted of felony offenses, including possession of narcotics, sale of narcotics, and conspiracy to sell narcotics.

GALLISHAW faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000 when he is sentenced by Judge Covello on May 26, 2005.

"In light of a recent increase in gun-related crime in New Haven, the United States Attorney's Office, through the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, remains

steadfast in its commitment to vigorously enforcing the gun laws and removing dangerous felons from the community,” U.S. Attorney O’Connor stated.

This case was investigated by the New Haven Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Marrella.

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is aimed at reducing gun violence, deterring illegal possession of guns, and improving the safety of residents in Connecticut’s cities. Participants in the initiative include community members and organizations as well as federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. More information on the nationwide Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative can be found at www.psn.gov <<http://www.psn.gov>>.

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