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**LIFE SENTENCE HANDED DOWN IN PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS CASE**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in Waco, Texas, today Larry Randolph Delancey of Covington, Texas, was sentenced to life in federal prison and fined \$1,000 for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Because of Delancey's extensive criminal history, United States District Judge Walter Smith, Jr. ruled that Delancey was an Armed Career Criminal and subject to the maximum term of imprisonment.

Evidence presented during a one-day trial on March 7, 2005, revealed that Delancey was involved in a domestic disturbance with his girlfriend and her roommate on August 14, 2004. Just as the roommate opened the door, Delancey stuck his arm inside the residence and fired four shots from a .22 caliber revolver. Prevented from entering the residence, Delancey went to a bedroom window, broke the glass and pointed the gun at his girlfriend. Ultimately, the girlfriend convinced Delancey to drop the gun in the front yard where it was recovered by neighbors then turned over to Hill County Sheriff's deputies when they arrived at the scene.

Delancey has 14 prior convictions on various charges including burglary, robbery and arson.

"Mr. Delancey is a poster child for Project Safe Neighborhoods. This federal prosecution tool was created to take violent criminals like him off our streets," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

This case was investigated by the Hill County Sheriff's Office together with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Shelly Strimple prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

Today's sentencing is another example of how the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas is partnering with state and local law enforcement and carrying out the Department of Justice's gun crime initiative - Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide federal initiative designed to reduce gun violence in our communities. PSN promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement to target criminals in possession of guns. Federal law insures that when an armed criminal is arrested, that individual will face swift criminal prosecution and be exiled from the community through the use of stiff mandatory prison sentences.

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