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CHAMOIS MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS FOLLOWING BAR FIGHT

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Chamois, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a revolver and a rifle after he pulled the revolver from his shirt during a bar fight.

Louis Mitchell Duncan, 41, of Chamois, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years in federal prison without parole.

Duncan was arrested on Sept. 27, 2003, after pulling out a gun during a bar fight. According to Graves, police officers responded to a disturbance at BJ's Restaurant and Lounge, 108 E. Main St. in Linn, Mo., after several men had subdued **Duncan** and held him face down on the floor with his hands behind his back. **Duncan** had been in a verbal argument with another man, Graves explained, which escalated into a fistfight. **Duncan** admitted that he had a loaded Rohm .38-caliber special revolver at the time of the fistfight. Police also found seven additional rounds of .38-caliber ammunition while searching **Duncan**, as well as a Norinco 7.61 X 39 semi-automatic rifle, loaded with 26 rounds of ammunition, in **Duncan's** pickup truck.

On July 6, 2004, **Duncan** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of two firearms. **Duncan** admitted that he was in possession of a Rohm .38-caliber special revolver and a Norinco 7.62 X 39 semi-automatic rifle on Sept. 27, 2003, in Osage County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Duncan** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for being a felon in possession of two firearms, two 1997 criminal felony convictions for unlawful use of a weapon and one 1997 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Linn, Mo.,

Police Department and the Osage County, Mo. Sheriff's Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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