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TWO GUILTY OF FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATIONS IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

BEAUMONT, TX – United States Attorney John L. Ratcliffe announced today that two men have pleaded guilty to separate firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

DAMIEN DESHONÉ GUIDRY, 27, of Welsh, Louisiana, pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm today before United States District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to information presented in court, on May 22, 2006, Guidry was stopped for a traffic violation by a Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy on Interstate 10 in Jefferson County, Texas. During the traffic stop, the front passenger of the vehicle opened the glove compartment to locate insurance papers for the vehicle. In doing so, the officer noticed, in plain view, a magazine for a semi-automatic handgun in the glove compartment. A search of the vehicle revealed a firearm in the trunk. Further investigation determined that Guidry was a convicted felon, having previously been found guilty of possession of a controlled substance in Louisiana.

Guidry was indicted on federal firearms charges on February 8, 2007.

Guidry faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00 at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case was investigated by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Jefferson County Forensic Lab. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Fluke.

MICHAEL DURAND MCDONALD, 44, of Trinity, Texas, pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm today before United States District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to information presented in court, on November 30, 2006, a Trinity County Sheriff's Deputy responded to a complaint that McDonald was driving by a residence in a reckless manner causing concern to the occupants of the residence and that McDonald may be armed. McDonald was stopped by the deputy and found to be in possession of a firearm. Further investigation revealed that McDonald was a convicted felon having been previously convicted of burglary, burglary of a vehicle and forgery.

McDonald was indicted on federal firearms charges on March 7, 2007.

McDonald faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00 at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case was investigated by the Trinity County Sheriff's Office, the Trinity County Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Jefferson County Forensic Lab. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Fluke.

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