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GOLDSBORO MAN SENTENCED TO 548 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT
FOR DRUG/FIREARM CHARGES

RALEIGH - United States Attorney George E. B. Holding announced that in federal court today United States District Judge Terrence W. Boyle sentenced **BOBBY LEE RAWLINGS**, of 60, Goldsboro, North Carolina, to 548 months' imprisonment, 5 year supervised release and restitution in the amount of \$2,340.20 was imposed.

Rawlings was convicted in March 2007, after a jury trial, of one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g); two counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1); and two counts of using and carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c). Rawlings, a multi-convicted felon shot Captain Brady Thompson, a Goldsboro Police Officer, in the chest during the execution of a search warrant at his residence. Rawlings only stopped firing his weapon when his gun jammed. Three months before, Rawlings was stopped by the North Carolina Highway Patrol in Johnston County and was found to be in possession of cocaine and a loaded semi-automatic handgun.

Mr Holding stated, ***"The Eastern District is continuing its fight against gun violence and to deliver the message to criminals and the community that violence will not be tolerated and will be met with swift law enforcement action."***

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods: America's Network Against Gun Violence in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and the Goldsboro Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Jane Jackson served as prosecutor for the government.

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