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LAWRENCE, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED ON GUN CHARGE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Quinton S. Wilson, 26, Lawrence, Kansas, was sentenced on July 12, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to five years and three months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by two years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Wilson entered a guilty plea on April 19, 2004, to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Melgren stated that Wilson admitted at his plea that on September 17, 2003, Lawrence, Kansas, police officers responded to a complaint of an individual discharging a weapon. Wilson admitted that officers found him in possession of a loaded gun. Wilson further admitted that in 1999 and 2000 he was convicted in Franklin County, Kansas, of domestic battery, both misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence, and in 2002 he was convicted in Franklin County, Kansas, of criminal threat, a felony. Wilson further admitted that he knew it was unlawful for him to own or possess a firearm.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Lawrence Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.