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**SOUTH PHOENIX GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO ALMOST 4 YEARS
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS POSSESSION**

PHOENIX – On August 4, 2008, Mark A. Morris, 34, of Phoenix, was sentenced here by U.S. District Judge Roslyn O. Silver to 46 months in federal prison. Morris pleaded guilty to Felon in Possession of a Firearm on March 11, 2008. Morris, a documented “park south crip” criminal street gang member, has two prior felony convictions from the state of Arizona, including Aggravated Assault and Attempted Possession of Narcotic Drugs for Sale.

On December 6, 2006, after obtaining a search warrant, Detectives of the Phoenix Police Department and Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted a search of Morris’ residence where they located a SKS rifle and a loaded 40-round magazine. Additional rifle ammunition was found along with a factory box for a 9mm handgun and two boxes of 9mm ammunition.

The investigation in this case was conducted by members of the FBI Violent Crimes Street Gang Task Force; a gang suppression program coordinated by the FBI. The task force combats gang related crime through the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, as occurred in this case. The prosecution was handled by Michael Lee, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona.

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