



# Department of Justice

**Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney  
Southern District of Indiana**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Wednesday, September 3, 2008  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/ins/>

CONTACT: MARY BIPPUS  
(317) 229-2403  
Fax: (317) 226-5002  
Cell: (317) 590-7928

## **NEW ALBANY MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON AS ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL**

### PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES D. TURNER, 67, of New Albany, Indiana, was sentenced late Friday as an Armed Career Criminal to fifteen years (180 months) imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. This case was the result of a investigation by the New Albany office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in close cooperation with the New Albany and Floyd County Police Departments.

On August 27, 2007, Floyd County Police Department officers were dispatched to TURNER's residence in New Albany, Indiana, in response to a citizen complaint of gunfire coming from inside TURNER's house. Upon arrival, Floyd County officers encountered TURNER in the front room of the residence which was filled with a large volume of smoke. At the time, TURNER told officers that he had been shooting a .22 caliber rifle into the interior wall of his kitchen and, in the process, knocked over an appliance onto his stove. Officers confiscated a Henry .22 caliber rifle and numerous .22 shell casings from the bathroom of the residence.

Approximately three weeks later, on September 19, 2007, TURNER was arrested following an hours-long standoff with local, state, and federal law enforcement agents at his residence in New Albany. During the standoff, a Louisville Police Department robot and numerous rounds of chemical munitions were deployed into TURNER's residence in an effort gain TURNER's surrender. When TURNER ultimately surrendered, law enforcement officers recovered a loaded Ithaca, Model 66, 12 gauge shotgun, a loaded Smith & Wesson, Model 36, .38 caliber revolver, and 152 miscellaneous rounds of ammunition inside the residence.

Prior to August of 2007, TURNER had been convicted of numerous felony offenses in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including: Wanton Endangerment, Criminal Mischief, Intimidating a Witness, Burglary, Theft by Unlawful Taking, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Under federal law, convicted felons are prohibited from possessing any firearm or ammunition.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Rinka, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed five years supervised release following TURNER's release from imprisonment. Because the federal system credits only 60 days of "good-time" credit per year, TURNER will not be eligible for release until he completes 12 years, 7 months of his sentence.

###

20080903.Turner.wpd