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## **FELON WITH A GUN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

### ***During Traffic Stop, Officer Found Felon With Loaded Gun & Drugs***

ATLANTA, GA - SANTOS PRICE, 41, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Julie E. Carnes to serve 15 years in prison on a charge of possessing a weapon as a convicted felon.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "Guns in the hands of convicted felons pose a very real danger to the community. This defendant had five prior felony convictions and still decided to possess drugs and a loaded handgun. Today's sentence reiterates that when a felon decides to hold the steel of a gun, the law will replace that weapon with the metal bars of a prison cell."

"This is a case of a career criminal literally being removed from the streets of Atlanta- a five-time convicted felon with a pistol, locked and loaded," said Assistant Special Agent in Charge Scott Sweetow of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "Today's sentencing is testament to our partnership with the Atlanta Police Department and our continuing efforts to make our communities safer by targeting the worst-of-the-worst offenders in our society."

PRICE was sentenced to 15 years in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. PRICE was convicted of the charge on October 23, 2007. There is no parole in the federal system.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On June 13, 2007, at approximately 10:45 a.m., an Atlanta Police Department officer observed PRICE driving a vehicle without a seatbelt. After PRICE parked the car, the officer got out of his car and approached PRICE's open driver's-side window. As the officer got closer, he noted a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the car. When PRICE was unable to provide any identification, the officer placed him under arrest. As the officer detained PRICE, he noticed a small marijuana cigar in the ashtray of the center console of the car.

A subsequent search of PRICE's vehicle revealed that PRICE had, in addition to above-mentioned marijuana cigar, another marijuana cigar, six colored bags containing marijuana, and a fully loaded handgun, with 19 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber, inside the vehicle. Further investigation into PRICE's criminal history revealed that PRICE was prohibited from possessing any firearms in that he had at least five prior felony convictions.

This case was investigated by officers and agents of the ATF's Violent Crime Impact Team and officers of the Atlanta Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Matthew T. Jackson prosecuted the case, represented in court today by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Jordan.

For further information please contact David E. Nahmias (pronounced NAH-me-us), United States Attorney, or Charysse L. Alexander, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, through Patrick Crosby, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Attorney's Office, at (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the HomePage for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia is [www.usdoj.gov/usao/gan](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/gan).