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### **SIKESTON MAN SENTENCED TO 120 MONTHS ON GUN AND DRUG CHARGES**

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A Sikeston, Missouri, man was sentenced today on federal gun and drug charges, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**NICHOLAS DAVIS**, age 27, was sentenced to 120 months on one felony count of possession of five grams or more of cocaine base. He also received sentences of 84 months for one felony count of possession of cocaine base with intent to distribute, one felony count of possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, one felony count of felon in possession of a firearm, and one felony count of felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. He appeared before United States District Judge Rodney W. Sippel.

On February 5, 2006, a law enforcement officer stopped a vehicle driven by Nicholas Davis for a traffic violation in Butler County, Missouri. A subsequent search revealed a plastic baggie containing 4.92 grams of cocaine base that fell from the defendant's pocket, and 443.4

grams of marijuana in the vehicle. Davis admitted with his plea that he was in possession of the cocaine base and marijuana for distribution to other persons.

On April 2, 2006, a Sikeston police officer stopped Davis for a traffic violation and found a loaded .40 caliber pistol under the driver's seat.

On April 21, 2006, a state search warrant was served at Davis' residence on Brannum Street in Sikeston, Missouri. The officers found and seized a Lorcin, .25 caliber pistol, and 52 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition that matched the ammunition found in the pistol in Davis' car on April 2, 2006. The officers also found other ammunition in the house as well as more than five (5) grams of crack cocaine. Davis admitted he was in possession of the pistol, the ammunition and the cocaine base listed above on April 21, 2006, and that he intended to distribute the cocaine base to other persons.

Due to Mr. Davis's prior felony conviction, he is prohibited by law from possessing firearms.

Hanaway praised the Sikeston Department of Public Safety, the Poplar Bluff Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.