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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **DORCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON FIREARM CHARGE**

Boston, MA... A Dorchester man was sentenced today to 21 months in federal prison for engaging in the business of selling firearms without a license.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in New England; and Edward Davis, Commissioner of the Boston Police Department, announced today that **EARL OSCAR DORSEY**, age 34, of Dorchester, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge William G. Young to 1 year and 9 months in prison, to be followed by 2 years of supervised release. Judge Young also ordered **DORSEY** to pay a \$2,000 fine. On October 24, 2006, **DORSEY** pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in the business of selling firearms without a license.

In imposing **DORSEY**'s sentence, Judge Young stated that **DORSEY** had committed a "severe crime" and that the sentence accurately captures the "outrage of the nation" that too many unregistered firearms are flooding the streets. Judge Young told **DORSEY** that the "danger" he caused by facilitating this illegal commerce warranted the twenty-one month sentence.

At the earlier plea hearing **DORSEY** admitted to selling unlawfully firearms to an ATF confidential informant ("CI") on three separate occasions between August 30, 2005 and September 7, 2005. Specifically, on August 30, 2005, **DORSEY** sold the CI a MK-90 rifle, along with two banana-clip style magazines with 30 rounds of ammunition, one drum style magazine with 73 rounds of ammunition, four boxes of ammunition, each containing 20 rounds, and one box of ammunition containing 17 rounds. On August 31, 2005, **DORSEY** sold the CI a TEC-9 pistol and a magazine loaded with 19 rounds of 9-millimeter ammunition. And again on September 7, 2005, **DORSEY** sold the CI a .40 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol, along with thirty-seven rounds of ammunition.

During a September 15, 2005, search warrant executed on **DORSEY**'s home, police and agents recovered four additional firearms and various rounds of ammunition. After his arrest, **DORSEY** admitted to selling various firearms to different people.

This case was brought under the auspices of Project Safe Neighborhoods ("PSN"), President Bush's comprehensive, strategic initiative to combat gun violence in America by providing locally-based programs with the tools and resources they need to succeed. The Boston

Police Department's Special Investigations Unit, comprised of representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, ATF, BPD and Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley's Office, has worked to identify sources for firearms in the Boston area, develop investigative strategies to remove the guns from the streets, and build criminal cases against those responsible for possessing, distributing, and using them.

The case was investigated by the Boston Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Leah B. Foley in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

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