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MALDEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO UNLAWFULLY POSSESSING OF A FIREARM

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A Malden, Missouri man pled guilty today to unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

MARCUS JEROME WILLIAMS, age 26, pled guilty to one felony count of Possession of an Unregistered Firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Catherine D. Perry.

On January 1, 2006, the Malden, Missouri police department was contacted concerning a man with a firearm on Kimball Street. Malden police officers responded and found Marcus Jerome Williams holding a .410 gauge shotgun. The officers stopped Williams and seized the firearm from him. Williams reported that he had been attacked by other persons and was

defending himself. Williams appeared to have been struck on his head just prior to the police contact.

He now faces a maximum punishment of 10 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. Sentencing has been set for May 14, 2007.

Hanaway praised the Malden Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.