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**MANATEE MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN  
TWENTY ONE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT**

Tampa, Florida - Senior U.S. District Judge William J. Castagna, on February 21, 2007, sentenced Jimmy Lee Bosto, age 40, to 21 years' and ten months' imprisonment for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 5 years imprisonment for possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number. The sentences are to run concurrent.

Jimmy Lee Boston was found guilty on December 6, 2006. According to court documents, Boston had been involved in a shooting on October 29, 2005 in Manatee County. On December 27, 2005, Manatee County law enforcement officers stopped a vehicle that Boston was riding in and arrested him on a warrant. Law enforcement officers located a Ruger, 9mm pistol under his vehicle seat. Boston had eleven prior felony convictions including armed robbery, possession of cocaine and battery on a law enforcement officer.

The case represents the culmination of cooperative effort between the United States Attorney' Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the

Manatee County Sheriff's Office. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement ( FDLE) provided technical support in relation to ballistics and fingerprints. This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was investigated by the Manatee County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Patricia A. Kerwin.