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**Armed Career Criminal Sentenced to  
199 Months for Illegal Possession of a Firearm**

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**LONDON, Ky.** — An armed career criminal, George Patrick, was sentenced to 199 months in prison and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine for being a felon in possession of a firearm by U.S. District Court Judge Danny C. Reeves, after pleading guilty in September of last year.

Patrick, 51, of Arjay, Ky. admitted in the course of his guilty plea that in April of 2006, a Kentucky State Police trooper responded to a call regarding Patrick firing a gun into the air on Long Branch Hollow in Bell County.

When the trooper arrived, he observed Patrick drop an item to the ground, which was later determined to be a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, loaded with six rounds of ammunition.

Patrick faced increased penalties due to the fact that he was an armed career criminal based upon prior convictions. Prior to April of 2006, Patrick had been convicted of at least three violent felonies or serious drug offenses, which were crimes punishable by imprisonment for terms exceeding one year.

Under federal law, Patrick must serve eighty-five percent of his prison sentence and upon release, will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office in London for five years.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Kentucky State Police (KSP) and UNITE. Assistant United States Attorney Erin J. May represented the United States at sentencing.

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