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## **GASTONIA MAN SENTENCED TO 21+ YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

### ***Federal Firearms Conviction Carries Heavy Penalties for Armed Career Criminal***

CHARLOTTE, NC - Gretchen C. F. Shappert, United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, announced that Ralph Anthony Roseboro, 44, was sentenced Wednesday, March 28, 2007 by Chief United States District Judge Robert J. Conrad, Jr. to 262 months (21 years and 10 months) in federal prison in connection with his possession of a gun on October 7, 2004, that he had stolen from the residence of an acquaintance the day before. Roseboro was indicted in U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina for being a felon in possession of a firearm on January 23, 2006, and was found guilty in a trial by a jury on June 29, 2006.

According to official court documents and information presented in open court, Roseboro stole a gun from the residence of an acquaintance on October 6, 2004. He attempted a burglary on October 7, 2004 in York County, South Carolina, and was shot by the owner of the home. Roseboro fled to Gaston County, North Carolina, where he collapsed and was found with the stolen gun, a second gun, and several rounds of ammunition.

At the sentencing hearing on March 28, 2007, Roseboro was found by the court to be an Armed Career Criminal and as such was subject to an enhanced sentence under the provisions of the federal firearms laws. According to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, a federal criminal defendant becomes subject to an enhanced sentence (armed career criminal status) if the offense with which he or she has been charged includes the offense of being a felon in possession of a

firearm, and the defendant has at least three prior convictions for a “violent felon” or “serious drug offense,” or both, committed on occasions different from one another.

This investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, “ATF,” with assistance from the York County, South Carolina, Sheriff’s Office and the Gaston County, North Carolina, Police Department. The case was handled for the government in United States District Court by Assistant United States Attorney Kurt W. Meyers.

Federal sentences are served without possibility of parole.

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