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Brunswick Man Sentenced to Over 13 Years Imprisonment
on Conviction of Firearms Charges

BRUNSWICK: Edmund A. Booth, Jr., Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that **ERVIN DEBINION SINGLETON** was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Anthony A. Alaimo to 163 months and 18 days imprisonment on two convictions for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was convicted after a guilty plea to the charges on February 28, 2007 in U.S. District Court in Brunswick. Booth noted that there is no parole in the federal system.

According to Booth, this case was prosecuted under Project Ceasefire which is the United States Attorney's initiative to combat violence by prosecuting federal firearms offenses throughout the Southern District of Georgia.. It resulted from an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in conjunction with the Glynn County Police Department, into the June 13, 2005 burglary of an Oak Grove Island home by Singleton. During the burglary, Singleton assaulted a domestic worker at gunpoint, attempting a sexual assault, pulling the trigger on the firearm (which misfired), and stealing her cellular telephone before fleeing. Singleton was arrested early the next morning at an area motel, where investigators recovered the victim's

telephone and the loaded .25 caliber pistol. The investigation revealed that on June 13, 2005, Singleton also pawned a 30-30 caliber rifle at a pawnshop in Brunswick. Singleton's criminal history revealed that he was convicted of burglary, aggravated assault, and armed robbery in the Superior Court of Glynn County and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment on January 31, 2007.

The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Brian F. McEvoy and Cameron Heaps Ippolito. The case was investigated jointly by members of the Glynn County Police Department and Special Agent Lee Hoover of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

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