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## **KANSAN GETS 24-YEAR FEDERAL SENTENCE IN SHOOTING INCIDENT**

**WICHITA, KAN. – Barry P. Fillman, 44, Wichita, was sentenced Monday to 292 months in federal prison for firearms violations that occurred during an incident in September 2006 during which a woman was shot.**

The federal sentence comes while Fillman is awaiting trial in Sedgwick County District Court on charges of kidnaping and aggravated assault.

“In some cases, armed criminals spend more time behind bars for unlawfully carrying weapons than for crimes they commit with those weapons,” said U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren. “Mr. Fillman may be one of those cases.”

Fillman was convicted in a jury trial in April on five federal charges including two counts of unlawfully possessing an improvised explosive device, one count of unlawfully possessing a firearm after a felony conviction, and two counts of unlawfully possessing ammunition after a felony conviction.

According to court records, on Sept. 28, 2006, Wichita police were called to 446 N. Dellrose where they found a woman who had been shot. She told them Fillman had shot her with a .22 caliber rifle after an argument. When her 11-year-old son came into the room after the shooting, Fillman told the boy to go to his room and threatened him with a large hunting knife. Fillman fled before police arrived.

On Oct. 2, 2006, police located Fillman in a house at 1611 S. Fern. Fillman was a passenger in a vehicle that left the residence while police were watching the house. When police stopped the vehicle, Fillman fled on foot. During the chase, Fillman dropped an improvised explosive device and brandished a large hunting knife. He was apprehended after police shot him with a Taser.

Melgren commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Wichita Police Department, Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Mott for their work on the case.

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