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CONVICTED BURGLAR SENTENCED ON FIREARMS CHARGE

PADUCAH, Ky. - **Richard William Ferris, Sr.**, age 42, of Marion, Kentucky, in Crittenden County, **was sentenced** to 2 years and 3 months in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for the knowing possession of a firearm on January 22, 2006, while he was a convicted felon, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Hon. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced **Ferris** to 3 years supervised release following incarceration.

Ferris had been found guilty by a jury of the knowing possession of a .22 caliber rifle, which was found in his residence on January 22, 2006 in Crittenden County. At that time, **Ferris** had been convicted of Burglary in 1990, a felony.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Sparks. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

conducted the investigation in partnership with the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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