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*Ohio Man Sentenced To 15 Years
On Firearms Charge As An Armed Career Criminal*

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 54 year old Youngstown, Ohio, resident was sentenced on August 9, 2007, in United States District Court in Wheeling by Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that NATHAN TAYLOR was sentenced to 180 months imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised release, pursuant to an earlier entered plea of guilty. TAYLOR entered a plea of guilty on May 14, 2007, to one count of an Indictment charging him being a convicted felon in possession of a Smith and Wesson, Model 539, 9mm pistol and seven rounds of ammunition in interstate commerce on September 15, 2005, in Weirton. TAYLOR also agreed to the forfeiture of the firearm and ammunition charged in the count.

TAYLOR was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randolph J. Bernard and was investigated by the Wheeling Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF). ATF is the principal law enforcement agency within the U. S. Department of Justice with the mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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