

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI MAN SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

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A Southeast Missouri man was sentenced today on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**BRIAN G. DAVIS**, age 37, of Theodosia, Missouri, was sentenced to 46 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber.

On June 17, 2005, rangers from the National Park Service were contacted regarding a report of shots fired at a park area within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in Shannon County, Missouri. The rangers responded and made contact with Brian G. Davis and other persons in the same area. The other witnesses reported that Mr. Davis had obtained a pistol from his truck and had

fired a shot from that pistol into the Current River at Blue Springs Park. The pistol was recovered from Mr. Davis' truck by the rangers. Mr. Davis later admitted to his state probation officer that he had obtained the weapon from his truck. Due to Davis's previous felony convictions, he is prohibited by law from possessing firearms.

Hanaway praised the National Park Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.