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**SAVANNAH MAN CONVICTED OF FIREARMS CHARGES**

**SAVANNAH, GA:** Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that Isaiah Johnson, age 49, of Savannah, Georgia, was tried before a jury and convicted on October 24, 2007 in United States District Court in Savannah on three counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Chief U.S. District Judge William T. Moore, Jr., presided over the trial.

The evidence at trial showed that in December 2003, Johnson accompanied his girlfriend to a pawn shop in Hinesville, Georgia, where she purportedly purchased five firearms, including three handguns, for her own use. The evidence established that Johnson, in fact, himself possessed several of those firearms over the course of the following years. Johnson pawned and attempted to pawn two of those firearms in April 2004. He was found in possession of another one of those firearms, a 12 gauge shotgun, during a traffic stop in Richmond Hill, Georgia, in September 2005.

The maximum statutory penalty for each count of conviction is ten years imprisonment

and a fine of not more than \$250,000. A sentencing date will be scheduled following completion of a pre-sentence investigation and report.

Booth praised the efforts of ATF Special Agents, Lieutenant David Hooks and Corporal Jack Frost of the Richmond Hill Police Department, and Deputy John Meachum of the Bryan County Sheriff's Department, all for their work in the investigation. Booth also commended Assistant United States Attorney R. Brian Tanner who represented the government at trial.

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