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KENNETT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

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A Kennett, Missouri man pled guilty today to unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

DANNY BIRMINGHAM, age 55, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Catherine D. Perry.

On July 1, 2007, officers from the Kennett Police Department were called to an apartment complex in Kennett, Missouri. The officers spoke with a resident of those apartments, who reported that she was having a dispute with Danny Birmingham. Officers interviewed both of them and resolved the dispute.

Shortly before midnight, the officers were summoned back to the apartment building by Mr. Birmingham, on complaints of noise by his neighbors. During their investigation of the incident, officers found a loaded pistol in his apartment, which he admitted belonged to him.

Due to Mr. Birmingham's previous felony conviction, he is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition and now faces a maximum punishment of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing has been set for February 11, 2008. Hanaway praised the Kennett Police Department 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.