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## **CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

### *Quintin Maurice Roberts Sentenced for Possession of A Firearm By A Convicted Felon*

Ocala, Fla. – Quintin M. Roberts was sentenced to 13 years incarceration for being a career criminal in possession of a firearm announced Special Agent in Charge Virginia O'Brien of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Tampa Field Division, along with U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill of the Middle District of Florida.

The investigation was initiated in May 2006 after patrol officers from the Ocala Police Department found Roberts in possession of two loaded .45 caliber pistols, cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana and \$7,330 in cash. Roberts was arrested by the Ocala police officers and the case was referred to the ATF Gainesville office to pursue a federal prosecution.

After a follow-up investigation conducted by an ATF special agent from the Gainesville office a federal arrest warrant was issued for Roberts. On May 31, 2007, Roberts was located by the Ocala Police Department and officers from their Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team attempted to serve the federal arrest warrant. Roberts resisted his arrest and barricaded himself in a local residence. During a lengthy standoff with Roberts the SWAT team deployed tear gas into the residence in an effort to get Roberts to exit. Roberts continued to refuse to submit to being arrested and the SWAT team eventually made a forced entry into the residence and found Roberts hiding in the attic.

After being placed into federal custody, Roberts later pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and he was sentenced on Nov. 19, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Ocala, Fla., to serve 13 years in federal prison.

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