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HALLSVILLE MAN SENTENCED IN PIPE BOMB INCIDENT

BEAUMONT, TX -- United States Attorney John L. Ratcliffe announced today that a 23-year-old Hallsville, Texas man has been sentenced to 30 months in federal prison in the Eastern District of Texas for a pipe bomb incident that destroyed a religious statue.

PAUL JEFFREY LEON MILES, a National Guardsman and former Stephen F. Austin State University student, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge Ron Clark. Miles was also ordered to pay \$2,072.96 in restitution.

According to information provided in court, in November 2006 law enforcement officers responded to a report of an assault at the apartment Miles shared with his roommate, Carl Timmons. Timmons had reported to campus police that Miles had assaulted him. Upon arrival, authorities discovered a pipe bomb and bomb-making materials in the apartment. Timmons also told authorities that he and Miles had detonated a pipe bomb they had attached to a statue of the Virgin Mary located in the courtyard of Saint Mary's Catholic Chapel at the Catholic Student Center at Stephen F. Austin State University on September 17, 2006. The statue was destroyed.

Both Miles and Timmons were charged with possession of an unregistered firearm, a pipe bomb. Timmons pleaded guilty in March 2007 and was sentenced to 24 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$2,072.96 in restitution for the replacement of the statue.

The case was investigated by the Stephen F. Austin State University Police, the Nacogdoches Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Flournoy.

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