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QULIN MAN SENTENCED TO 36 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

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

JIMMIE H. WOODHAM, JR., age 32, was sentenced to 36 months on felony counts of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Catherine D. Perry.

On October 11, 2006, a law enforcement officer went to the residence of Jimmie H. Woodham, Jr., located near Qulin, Missouri. The officer was not able to make contact with anyone at the residence, but observed a rifle in the seat of a pickup truck on the property. The officer knew that Mr. Woodham was a previously convicted felon and was prohibited from

possessing firearms. The officer called his dispatcher and verified that Mr. Woodham was the registered owner of that vehicle.

The officer went back to Mr. Woodham's residence on January 9, 2007. The officer noticed another rifle in the seat of a vehicle on the property. The officer made contact with Mr. Woodham and questioned him about the two seized rifles. Mr. Woodham admitted that he had hunted with the two rifles and that the rifles were purchased for him by other persons because of his prior convictions.

Hanaway praised the Butler County Sheriff's Office 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.