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SIKESTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL GUN CHARGE

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A Sikeston, Missouri man pled guilty today to a federal gun charge, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

JOSEPH B. CANNON, age 28, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Charles A. Shaw.

On October 8, 2007, a Cape Girardeau police officer approached Mr. Cannon concerning another investigation. Mr. Cannon fled, but was apprehended after a short chase. During that chase, Mr. Cannon threw down a Colt, .32 caliber pistol, which was found by the officers and seized. Mr. Cannon admitted that he was in possession of the Colt, .32 caliber pistol on October 8, 2007.

Cannon now faces a maximum punishment of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing has been set for June 10, 2008.

Hanaway praised the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration, 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.