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Former Federal Firearms Licensee
Sentenced on Firearms Violation

ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA — A 58 year old Buckhannon, West Virginia, resident was sentenced on May 5, 2008, in United States District Court in Elkins by Judge Robert E. Maxwell.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that TERRY PHILLIPS, a former federal firearms licensee, was sentenced to five years probation with the first 12 months to be served on home detention with electronic monitoring and ordered to pay a fine of \$4,000, pursuant to an earlier entered plea of guilty. PHILLIPS entered a plea of guilty on December 11, 2007, to one count of an Information charging him with aiding and abetting another person in unlawfully selling and delivering a firearm, other than a shotgun or rifle, to a person who PHILLIPS, as the licensee, knew was not a West Virginia resident.

PHILLIPS abandoned his right, title, and interest in T & S Loans' firearms' inventory valued at approximately \$24,000. PHILLIPS has also voluntarily surrendered his federal firearms license.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Shawn Angus Morgan. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; the West Virginia State Police; and West Virginia Parole and Probation.