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**BURLINGTON MAN SENTENCED AS FELON IN POSSESSION OF
FIREARM IN DAVENPORT FEDERAL COURT**

DAVENPORT- On May 20, 2008, A.J. Smith, age 26, formerly of Burlington was sentenced by United States District Court Judge John A. Jarvey to 70 months in federal prison, announced United States Attorney Matthew G. Whitaker. Smith was sentenced after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. There is no parole in the federal system. Smith was also ordered to pay an assessment of \$100 to the Crime Victim Fund and after release from prison, Smith will be subject to three years of supervised release. Smith received enhancements in his sentence for possession or use of the involved firearm in connection with a felony and obstruction of justice.

This case was prosecuted in the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Iowa pursuant to the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. This investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the United States Marshals Service, and the Burlington Police Department.