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**Iowa City Man Sentenced to 21 Months Imprisonment
for Unlawful Possession of Firearms and Ammunition**

Davenport, IA- On June 16, 2008, John Lee Schoenwetter, age 30, of Iowa City, was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment, having previously been convicted of one count of unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition, announced United States Attorney Matthew G. Whitaker. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also ordered Schoenwetter to serve two years on supervised release following imprisonment and to pay as assessment of \$100 to the Crime Victim Fund.

On the evening of April 2, 2007, deputies and probation officers went to a Johnson County, IA, residence to conduct a probation check on a female probationer. Officers knocked on the doors and windows, attempting to gain entry for at least 10 minutes before defendant Schoenwetter, who was living at the residence with the probationer, came to the door and opened it. Deputies entered and found a 20 gauge shotgun, a .22 caliber rifle, and ammunition in plain sight in the living room.

Schoenwetter, who claimed ownership of all the firearms and ammunition, was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition as he had prior felony convictions for theft and altering vehicle identification numbers. Schoenwetter also was prohibited based on a conviction for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

Schoenwetter subsequently was indicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa on one count of being a prohibited person in possession of firearms and pleaded guilty as charged.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa and investigated by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.