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REYNOLDS COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR MAKING DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE AND ARSON

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United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today that a Reynolds County man has been sentenced to prison on unlawful firearm charges.

MICHAEL BRENT FOX, of Lesterville, Missouri, was sentenced to 42 months in prison on one felony count of making an unlawful firearm (destructive device) and one felony count of malicious damage by fire and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$7950. He appeared before U.S. District Judge E. Richard Webber on Monday, July 28, 2008. Upon release from prison, Fox will be placed on supervised release for a period of three years.

In early September, 2007, Special Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were asked to provide assistance to the Reynolds County Sheriff's Office in the

investigation of fire damage to two motor vehicles parked on the Black River Motel parking lot in the City of Lesterville MO.

The fire scene examination revealed that the damage appeared to be caused by destructive devices commonly referred to as "Molotov cocktails" or incendiary bombs.

Other information obtained during the investigation led to Fox as a suspect, who was charged and later pled guilty on June 3, 2008.

Hanaway commended the Reynolds County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their efforts to investigate and prosecute this case. Assistant United States Attorneys Michael A. Price handled the prosecution for the Government.