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Project Safe Neighborhood: Kankakee Felon Receives Maximum Sentence for Possessing Firearm

Urbana, Ill. – The U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, Rodger A. Heaton, announced that Chief U.S. District Judge Michael P. McCuskey today sentenced Dwayne T. Allen to serve ten years in prison, the maximum sentence for possession of a firearm by a felon. Allen was also ordered to serve a term of three years supervised release upon release from prison.

On June 18, 2008, following a jury trial, Allen, 27, was convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The government presented evidence at trial that on January 15, 2008, at 597 N. Washington in Kankakee, Allen pulled out a .38 caliber revolver and fired shots while inside the home. The firearm was recovered in a nearby alley.

At the time of the offense, Allen was on parole after being convicted of robbery in Kankakee County in 2006. Allen has additional convictions in 2002 and 2004 in Kankakee County for possession of a controlled substance and possession with intent to distribute cannabis.

The indictment resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Kankakee City Police Department as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ronda Holliman Coleman.

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