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**ALLEN COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON**

- Two-time felon

BOWLING GREEN, KY - Jimmy Phillips, age 38, of 800 Concord Church Road, Adolphus, Kentucky, in Allen County, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), jointly announced today.

Phillips admitted that on November 10, 2007, in Allen County, he possessed a German made 6.5 caliber semiautomatic pistol which had been transported in interstate commerce, and that at the time he possessed the firearm he was a convicted felon, having been convicted in Allen County in 1992 of two counts of burglary in the third degree, and in Simpson County in 1990 of criminal mischief in the first degree, all of which are crimes punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. Phillips sold the firearm to a cooperating informant working for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), whose agents monitored and recorded the transaction.

The maximum potential penalties are ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of three years.

This a **Project Backfire** prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the

United States Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and state and local law enforcement authorities to ensure that firearms offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before United States Magistrate Judge E. Robert Goebel, who has ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing should be scheduled in approximately eight to ten weeks.

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