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LOUISVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

- Previous domestic violence conviction

LOUISVILLE, KY - James W. Simpson, age 39, of 12224 Ledges Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in United States District Court, (DIVISION), Kentucky, for possessing firearms and ammunition after he had been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, 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), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Charles R. Simpson, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Simpson to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Simpson had plead guilty to illegally possessing firearms and ammunition after he had been convicted of possessing firearms and ammunition after he had been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, in violation of federal law. During his guilty plea, Simpson admitted that on July 17, 2007, he was convicted of fourth degree assault, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, in the Jefferson County, Kentucky District Court. Simpson also admitted that after he was convicted of the misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, he possessed a .357 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver on September 10, 2007, and that two days later, on September 12, 2007, he possessed a Ruger .22 caliber semiautomatic pistol. Further, Simpson admitted that between July 17, 2007 and September 30, 2007, he possessed

three firearms: a Browning Model 20 12 gauge shotgun, a Marlin 336CS 30-30 rifle, and a High Standard Sentinel Deluxe .22 caliber pistol. Finally, Simpson admitted that on January 15, 2008, he possessed sixty-six rounds of .357 magnum caliber ammunition.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department and the Kentucky Department of Probation and Parole as part of ATF's mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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