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CONVICTED FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARMS OFFENSE

-Defendant admits that he possessed a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol

PADUCAH, KY - Robert DeWayne Davie, age 21, of 1808 Oak Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in Christian County, pled guilty to the knowing possession of a firearm while being 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), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

US Attorney Huber praised the joint cooperation of the Christian County Sheriff's Office and the Christian County Commonwealth Attorney's Office as a "way to rid the streets of Hoptown of dangerous offenders." This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

Davie admitted that on September 26, 2007, he knowingly possessed a Taurus, Model PT 145 Pro, .45 caliber, semi-automatic pistol, serial number NZL67663. Davie and another person were walking along a street in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, about 11:30 p.m., when they observed a Christian County Deputy. Davie and the other person separated and walked in different directions. The Deputy made contact with Davie, during which the .45 caliber pistol was recovered from his front pants pocket. Davie also admitted that he had been convicted in November 2006 in Christian Circuit Court of Third Degree Burglary and of First Degree

Criminal Mischief, each of which are felonies.

The maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Sparks. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Christian County Sheriff's Office and the Christian County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Hon. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky.

Davie is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on March 11, 2009, at 12:00 noon, in Paducah, Kentucky.

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