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**PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED FOR
FEDERAL FIREARM VIOLATION**

- Multiple prior felony convictions

PADUCAH, KY - Derl Sharp, age 50, of 529 Olive Creek road, Benton, Kentucky, in Marshall County, was sentenced to 4 years and 3 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for the knowing possession of a firearm while he was a convicted felon, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for 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. Hon. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Sharp to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Sharp had plead guilty to the knowing possession of a firearm in Marshall County, Kentucky, on February 28, 2008, and that he had previously been convicted of two felonies at that time. Sharp had felony convictions before February 28, 2008 in Kentucky, Iowa, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and California. In Kentucky, Sharp had two felony convictions: (1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (04-CR-0047), and receiving stolen property (firearm) (04-CR-00038) on November 3, 2004 in Livingston County, Kentucky Circuit Court. During the execution of a search warrant on February 28, 2008 at the residence of Sharp in Marshall County, Kentucky, a .22 caliber rifle and approximately 97 rounds of .22 caliber

ammunition were found.

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 , as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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