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**LOUISVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS ON CHARGES
OF POSSESSING FIREARMS WHILE BEING CONVICTED FELON**

LOUISVILLE, KY - Deborah Ann Crabtree, age 52, of 2310 Elmhurst Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced in the United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky to 2 years imprisonment for possessing two firearms 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. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Crabtree to 2 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Crabtree admitted that on May 10, 2007, she possessed in her home, two firearms - a Raven Arms .25 caliber pistol and a RG Industries .38 caliber Special Revolver. She had previously been convicted in Jefferson Circuit Court, Jefferson County, Kentucky, of the felony of possessing a controlled substance on April 1, 1994.

Crabtree had been implicated in a scheme with Donald Belcher and Tammy Goode who were previously sentenced this year in U.S. District Court for a conspiracy to manufacture 50 or more grams of methamphetamine. Belcher was sentenced to 15 years and Goode received a 46-month sentence.

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 being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James H. Barr. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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