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## LOUISVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS AND FIVE MONTHS ON CONSPIRACY, ROBBERY AND FIREARMS CHARGES

*- Admitted involvement in armed robberies of pawn shop and gas station*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Robert Gene Turner, Jr., age 38, of 3105 Roy Pom Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, was sentenced on December 16, 2008, to 9 years and 5 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for conspiracy to use, carry and brandish a firearm during a crime of violence, interference with commerce by robbery (Hobbs Act), and using, carrying and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of 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. Jennifer B. Coffman, Chief Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Turner to 5 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.** In addition, restitution in the amount of \$208.00 was imposed. The **Hobbs Act** was passed in 1946 and makes it a federal crime to commit or attempt a robbery where that robbery has an effect upon interstate commerce.

During his guilty plea, Turner admitted that between February 3 and February 20, 2003, he conspired with Paul Douglas Sizemore and Dee Ann Marie Elliott to use, carry and brandish firearms to carry out robberies at the Mr. Money Pawn Shop at 3501 Bardstown Road and the Swifty Oil gas station located at 619 Outer Loop. Both of these businesses were engaged in

interstate commerce. Turner also admitted that he robbed the Swifty Oil gas station at 619 Outer Loop on February 20, 2003. During the robbery of the Swifty Oil Gas station, Turner used, carried and brandished a firearm during the robbery.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke and it was investigated by the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Breckinridge County Sheriff's Office, the Leitchfield Police Department, the Grayson County Sheriff's Office and the Leslie County Sheriff's Office. 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.

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