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TAMPA MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS POSSESSION

Tampa, FL - Yesterday U.S. District Court Judge Richard A. Lazzara sentenced SHANTA TORI RIVERS, age 28, of Tampa to a total sentence of 110 months' imprisonment for his unlawful possession of a firearm. At the same time, the court sentenced RIVERS to a concurrent three year sentence for possession of marihuana.

RIVERS pled guilty on March 21, 2005 to charges of possession of a firearm while being a convicted felon and possession of marihuana. According to the indictment, RIVERS, a person who had then been convicted of four prior felony offenses, did possess a .45 caliber Haskell pistol and a quantity of marihuana, secreted in his car. Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputies found those items when they arrested him on an outstanding warrant.

This case was investigated by agents of the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay L. Hoffer of the Tampa Division.