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**DEFENDANT GARY LEO BROWN SENTENCED PURSUANT TO U.S. ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES
VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE**

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez and Ralph C. Ostrowski, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives today announced the sentencing of Gary Leo Brown to fifteen years' and eight months' imprisonment for being a career criminal offender in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Gary Leo Brown pled guilty in federal court on May 9, 2005.

According to court documents, on June 30, 2004, in Polk County, the defendant having been convicted of possession of cocaine, escape, armed trafficking, felon in possession of firearms, aggravated battery, attempted murder and resisting a law enforcement officer with violence, possessed a semi-automatic pistol and 17 rounds of .9mm ammunition.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael E. Runyon.