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**BREVARD COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 70 MONTHS IN  
PRISON ON FEDERAL FIREARM AND DRUG CHARGES**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA - U.S. District Judge Anne C. Conway today sentenced TROY LYNN KELLY, 33, of Merritt Island, Florida, to seventy months' imprisonment for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person (convicted felon) and possession of cocaine base with the intent to distribute. In addition to the prison sentence, Kelly must serve a term of three years' supervised release, perform 150 hours of community service and pay a special assessment of \$200.

According to court documents, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit executed a search warrant at KELLY's residence on November 4, 2004. As the agents entered the home, they discovered KELLY standing in the bathroom trying to flush approximately two hundred fifty grams of cocaine base down the toilet. A further search of the house revealed assorted drug paraphernalia, 3.9 grams of "crack" cocaine and a loaded .38 caliber revolver. KELLY, a previously convicted felon, is prohibited under federal law from possessing either a firearm or ammunition.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"). This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from ATF. United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr. and Special Assistant United States Attorney Greg Konieczka.