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**KISSIMMEE MAN SENTENCED FOURTEEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR POSSESSION OF TWO FIREARMS**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA - U.S. District Judge G. Kendall Sharp today sentenced PATRICK B. DANIELS, 37, of Kissimmee, Florida, to fourteen years' imprisonment for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person (convicted felon). In addition to the prison sentence, DANIELS must serve a term of five years of supervised release and pay a special assessment of \$100. DANIELS previously had entered a guilty plea to the single count indictment on March 1, 2005.

According to court records, members of the Kissimmee Tactical Enforcement Unit executed a search warrant at DANIELS's residence on February 18, 2004. The search warrant was based on repeated sales of cocaine by DANIELS. Officers found DANIELS on the front porch with a loaded Derringer pistol in his pants pocket and a cigar tube containing cocaine at his feet. Underneath the mattress in his bedroom, officers also recovered a loaded .380 caliber pistol. DANIELS, a previously convicted felon, is prohibited under federal law from possessing either firearms or ammunition.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the Kissimmee Police Department, 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.