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**MULTI-CONVICTED FELON GUILTY ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE**

A federal jury that deliberated for just over two hours convicted 32-year-old Detroit resident David Allen today on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Valerie J. Goddard, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The two and a half day trial was conducted before United States District Court Judge Patrick J. Duggan.

According to the evidence presented at trial, on September 24, 2004, Detroit Police officers from the Vice, Gang Squad, Tactical Services, and Special Response Sections arrived to execute a search warrant of a "blind pig" located in the vicinity of McDougall and Kirby Streets in Detroit, when they encountered Allen was standing on the corner at 5:00 a.m. Seeing the approaching officers, Allen tossed a loaded .40 caliber Glock firearm onto the ground near a fire hydrant. Allen was immediately taken into custody and the firearm was recovered. Due to his three previous felony convictions, two for armed robbery, and one for drug possession, Allen was prohibited by federal law from possessing any firearms.

"The Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative is intended to discourage previously convicted felons from carrying firearms. Those who do will face serious consequences," stated U.S. Attorney Murphy. "PSN cases target armed, multi-convicted felons like Mr. Allen in an effort to make our neighborhoods safer."

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Special Agent in Charge, Valerie J. Goddard stated, “Working closely with our state and local partners, the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative will make our neighborhoods safer by keeping armed, violent felons off our streets. ATF is proud to be a partner in this important initiative.”

The case was the result of multi-agency cooperation between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Detroit Police Department Vice, Gang Squad, Tactical Services and Special Response Sections. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Terrence R. Haugabook and Noceeba Gordon.

Mr. Allen, who was detained without bond, was remanded to custody until his sentencing date is set. Under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which will be determined by the Court at sentencing, Allen faces approximately 92-115 months imprisonment.

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