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WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 29 year old Wheeling, West Virginia, resident was sentenced today (February 13, 2006), in United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Wheeling by Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

United States Attorney Thomas E. Johnston announced that SHAWN M. THOMAS, of 4 Virginia Street, Wheeling, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release, pursuant to an earlier entered plea of guilty.

THOMAS entered a plea of guilty on December 6, 2005, to one count of an Information charging him with selling a stolen firearm on August 12, 2004, in Wheeling. THOMAS, who is currently free on bond, will self-report to the designated federal institution on March 13, 2006.

The case was prosecuted under the Project Safe Homes Initiative by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Wheeling Police Department.

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