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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Brian L. Anderson, of Chicago, Illinois, DOB: 04/10/85, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 82 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Anderson pleaded guilty to this charge on September 7, 2005.

Anderson possessed a loaded .380 caliber pistol on June 8, 2005, at an apartment located at 1148 Morraine View Drive in Madison. Anderson recklessly endangered the safety of family members, including four minor children, when he pointed the loaded gun at them. Anderson also pointed the gun out of a window directly at a police officer.

Judge Shabaz said that he sentenced Anderson to 82 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, because there is, "little doubt that Anderson presents a significant risk of danger to the community."

The charge against Anderson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The charge was also the result of the ongoing Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative in the Madison area, which has resulted in 20 federal convictions for