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PRESS RELEASE

State Attorney Bill Eddins announced that on June 1, 2017, Robert Lamar Gerald, was convicted by and Escambia County Jury of Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams, Possession of Paraphernalia, Resisting an Officer without Violence and Driving While License Suspended.

On June 9, 2015, an Escambia County Sheriff's Deputy on patrol stopped the vehicle Gerald was driving. After the stop, Gerald fled on foot and was apprehended after a brief chase. The search of his vehicle revealed Marijuana, Cocaine, Paraphernalia and a loaded 9 MM pistol.

Gerald was a multi-convicted felon from Hillsborough County who had been released from Department of Corrections custody on April 7, 2014.

In a joint effort with the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida, Gerald was prosecuted for the Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon in Federal Court. He was sentenced to 210 months in Federal Prison as and Armed Career Criminal.

The Office of the State Attorney continued to prosecute Gerald for the remaining charges.

Judge Gary Bergosh sentenced Gerald to 69 months in State Prison and ordered this sentence to run consecutive to the Federal sentence.

This investigation was a joint effort by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Escambia County Sheriff's Office and the Gun Crime Response Team.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Monica Daniels and Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey M. Tharp.

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