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DEFENDANT SENTENCED AS ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL **Project Safe Neighborhood Prosecution**

United States Attorney Kenyen R. Brown announced today that Ted McCall Snow of Wilmer, Alabama, was sentenced to 188 months on a charge of being a felon in possession of firearms. United States District Court Judge Callie V.S. Granade found, over the objection of Snow's counsel, that Snow qualified as an Armed Career Criminal. The Armed Career Criminal statute provides for a 15 year minimum mandatory sentence for an individual convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm, if they also have three prior convictions for violent felonies or serious drug offenses. In making her determination, Judge Granade found that Snow had at least three prior convictions for burglaries, that qualified as violent felonies.

The evidence presented in support of the conviction was that on the morning of March 8, 2013, an individual returned to his residence on Woodland Hills Drive and found an unfamiliar vehicle in the carport. Snow was in the driver's seat and sped away from the scene. The back door of the residence had been forced open and three firearms and a jewelry box had been removed from their usual resting places in the residence, and were sitting near the back door. The resident called the police and provided a description of the driver and the vehicle. Shortly thereafter, a Mobile Police Department officer

stopped the vehicle driven by Snow at Schillinger Road and Old Government Street.

The burglary victim was brought to the scene of the traffic stop and he identified Snow as the person he saw speed away from his residence.

Snow was previously convicted of eleven cases of burglary, receiving stolen property and theft in Mobile County Circuit Court between 1989 and 2007. By virtue of these convictions, and Snow's resulting status as a convicted felon he is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, the Mobile Police Department, and the Mobile County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele C. O'Brien of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Alabama.