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POPLAR BLUFF MAN SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

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A Poplar Bluff, Missouri, man was sentenced today for unlawful possession of firearms, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

TERRANCE LAMONT FIELDS, age 44, was sentenced to 188 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of firearms. He appeared before United States District Judge Rodney W. Sippel.

On July 19, 2005, a Poplar Bluff city police officer was contacted in regards to a dispute that a Poplar Bluff resident had with Terrance Lamont Fields. Some of the officers drove to Mr. Fields' house in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to try to contact him about the incident. Mr. Fields was home and allowed the officers to search his house. During that search, the officers found a .25 caliber pistol, a 20 gauge shotgun, and a .22 caliber rifle. The shotgun had a barrel length of less

than 16 inches, which made it illegal to possess. Mr. Fields was interviewed in connection with these firearms and admitted that he was in possession of each firearm.

Due to his previous felony convictions, Fields is forbidden by law to possess firearms.

Hanaway praised the Poplar Bluff Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.