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Wheeling Resident Sentenced on Firearm Violation

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 27 year old Wheeling, West Virginia, resident was sentenced on June 25, 2007, in United States District Court in Wheeling by Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that BRANDON GINO LAWSON was sentenced to 26 months imprisonment to be followed by two years of supervised release, pursuant to an earlier entered plea of guilty. LAWSON entered a plea of guilty on May 4, 2007, to one count of an Indictment charging LAWSON, who was addicted to or an unlawful user of a controlled substance, with possession of a firearm on October 15, 2006, in the East Wheeling area.

LAWSON was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

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.