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Garden City Man Convicted of Federal Firearm Charge

SAVANNAH: Edmund A. Booth, Jr., Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Kevin Leroy Green**, age 37, of Garden City, was convicted on July 16, 2007 by a jury in the United States District Court in Savannah of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, as an armed career criminal. Chief U.S. District Judge William T. Moore, Jr. presided over the one-day trial.

The evidence at trial showed an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in conjunction with the Garden City Police Department in response to an emergency 911 call, which identified Green as having brandished a firearm at a Garden City resident and her two children. A Garden City Police Officer responded to the emergency call to find Green nearby, and witnessed Green discarding the loaded .40 caliber semiautomatic pistol beside a nearby house.

Based upon his conviction, Green will be sentenced as an armed career criminal after the completion of a pre-sentence investigation report. According to Booth, the armed career criminal statute provides for the enhanced sentencing of felons in possession of firearms who have previously been convicted on three or more occasions of crimes of violence or drug trafficking. Green faces

a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years, and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Booth noted that there is no parole in the federal system.

The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Cameron Heaps Ippolito and Jason Monroe Tate.

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