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BOSTON GANG MEMBER SENTENCED ON GUN CHARGE

Boston, MA... A Boston man was sentenced yesterday on a federal weapons charge.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Edward Davis, Commissioner of the Boston Police Department; and Glenn Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Boston Field Division, announced that **DEREK GRAHAM**, age 22, of 18 Harvard Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts was sentenced yesterday to 51 months in federal prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. **GRAHAM** pled guilty on March 26, 2007 to being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

According to testimony at court hearings, **GRAHAM** was a member of the Crown Path, Four Corners street gang in Boston. He had a Winchester 12 gauge sawed-off shotgun and approximately 160 rounds of ammunition in assorted calibers in the apartment in which he was residing at the time that a Boston Police and Dorchester District Court probation officer searched it and arrested him on a state court probation violation and state firearms charges on May 28, 2005.

The case was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office by Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley for federal prosecution as part of President Bush's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative which makes prosecution of firearms cases a top priority and provides a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America. In their on-going PSN efforts, District Attorney Conley and Boston Police Commissioner Davis, along with ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office, have worked closely on investigations with the goal of reducing firearm related activity, the availability of guns on the streets, and gang violence in the Boston area.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Boston Field Division and the Boston Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Glenn MacKinlay, of Sullivan's Strike Force Unit and Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator.