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KENNETT MAN SENTENCED TO 54 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFULLY ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE A FIREARM

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A Kennett, Missouri man was sentenced today on charges of unlawfully attempting to purchase a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

CHRISTOPHER B. LLOYD, age 27, was sentenced to 54 months on one felony count of Attempted Acquisition of a Firearm by a False Statement Intended to Deceive the Firearms Dealer. He appeared before United States District Judge Catherine D. Perry.

On September 1, 2006, Lloyd agreed to purchase a Mossberg, 12 gauge shotgun from Travis O. Davis. Mr. Davis was a federally licensed firearms dealer. Mr. Davis is required by federal law to keep certain information submitted by all firearms purchasers. Lloyd filled out an ATF Form 4473, as requested by Mr. Davis and required by law. That form asked in question 9(c) if Lloyd had ever been convicted in any court of a crime for which the judge could have

imprisoned him for more than one year, even if the judge actually gave him a shorter sentence. Lloyd answered this question, "NO" in writing. The Form 4473 informs the purchaser that any person who answers "YES" to that question is prohibited from acquiring a firearm. The Form 4473 also informed Lloyd that the making of a false oral or written statement is a crime punishable as a felony. Lloyd completed the remainder of the Form 4473 and signed his name to the form as the firearm purchaser.

At the time Mr. Lloyd answered the questions on the Form 4473, he knew full well that he had been convicted of crimes where he could have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for more than one year. Lloyd knew that his answer to question 9(c) was false at the time he made his answer. The firearm was never transferred to Lloyd.

Hanaway praised the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.