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### **VERMONT CAREER CRIMINAL GETS 15 YEARS**

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont stated that Bruce Daye, AKA Bruce Emerson, age 53, formerly of Morrisville, Vermont, was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison today as an "armed career criminal."

As Bruce Emerson, the defendant was convicted of 13 felonies and 14 misdemeanors in the Vermont courts, including three convictions for sexually abusing children and one for escape. While in State custody he met and married a Waterbury, Vermont, woman and adopted her last name. On March 23, 2006, a Washington County Sheriff's deputy stopped the defendant for speeding in Montpelier, Vermont. Daye had an open six-pack of beer in the car, along with a loaded .9mm semi-automatic pistol. After being arrested for failing to register as a convicted sex offender, he admitted to the officer that he had been on route to kill his ex-wife with the pistol. Due to the stop, he explained, the woman was "a lucky lady." Daye repeated his plan to kill the woman in a prison conversation several days after the arrest.

In August, 2007, Daye pleaded guilty to possessing the handgun as a felon. At the sentencing hearing today before United States District Judge J. Garvan Murtha in Brattleboro, the court determined that Daye/Emerson's criminal history in the Vermont

courts qualified him as an "armed career criminal" under federal law, and imposed a sentence of 15 years. Daye is presently serving an undischarged State sentence. He has been detained since his March, 2006 arrest.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, along with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Daye was represented by Attorney Mary Kehoe. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Bill Darrow.