

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **JACKSON MAN SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

April 24, 2008

A Jackson, Missouri man was sentenced today for unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**MICHAEL S. JAMES**, age 41, was sentenced to 188 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber.

On January 20, 2007, the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's office received a report that Michael S. James was an occupant of the Drury Inn at Fruitland, Missouri, and that there was an outstanding arrest warrant for him. A deputy verified the existence of a parole violator's arrest warrant for Mr. James. He then went to the Drury Inn to try to make contact with Mr. James.

Mr. James was located in a room at the Drury Inn, where he was arrested. The officers discovered a Titan, .25 caliber pistol, in some men's clothes in the room. Mr. James admitted that the pistol was his. Due to Mr. James' previous felony convictions, he is prohibited from possessing firearms.

Hanaway praised the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Department and 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.