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**TENNESSEE FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION  
OF FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON**

*- Previously convicted of assault*

BOWLING GREEN, KY - Jeffrey Allen Hall, age 30, of 617 Rockwood Drive, Hermitage, Tennessee, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), jointly announced today.

Hall admitted at his change of plea hearing that on June 19, 2006, in Simpson County, Kentucky, he had knowingly possessed a Taurus 9mm semiautomatic pistol that had been shipped in interstate commerce, and that he had previously been convicted in Simpson Circuit Court of assault in the second degree, a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

**Facts of Arrest**

Hall was driving a car which was stopped for a routine traffic offense. Co-defendant Adrian Nolan was riding as a passenger. Hall was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. The firearm was discovered under the driver's seat during a search by a Simpson County Deputy Sheriff. Twelve grams of crack and 14 grams of powder were found on Nolan's person. Co-defendant Nolan is scheduled for trial on June 2, 2008.

The maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and

supervised release for a period of three years.

**This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire** is a cooperative effort by the various local law enforcement agencies, including the Simpson County Sheriff's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Simpson County Sheriff's Office, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before United States Magistrate Judge Robert E. Goebel, who has ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing should be scheduled in approximately eight to ten weeks.

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