

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **SIKESTON MAN SENTENCED TO 48 MONTHS ON FEDERAL GUN CHARGE**

June 9, 2008

A Sikeston, Missouri man was sentenced today on a federal gun charge, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**JOSEPH B. CANNON**, age 28, was sentenced to 48 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Charles A. Shaw.

On October 8, 2007, a Cape Girardeau police officer approached Mr. Cannon concerning another investigation. Mr. Cannon fled, but was apprehended after a short chase. During that chase, Mr. Cannon threw down a Colt, .32 caliber pistol, which was found by the officers and

seized. Mr. Cannon admitted that he was in possession of the Colt, .32 caliber pistol on October 8, 2007. Due to Cannon's prior felony convictions, he is prohibited from possessing firearms.

Hanaway praised the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration, 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.