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**LOUISVILLE MAN ADMITS POSSESSING FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION
FOLLOWING MISDEMEANOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONVICTION**

- Admits he possessed firearms and ammunition on four separate occasions*
- Agrees to forfeit five firearms and sixty-six rounds of ammunition*

LOUISVILLE, KY - James W. Simpson, age 39, of 12224 Ledges Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, pled guilty to charges that he possessed firearms and ammunition after he had been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

During his guilty plea, Simpson admitted that on July 17, 2007, he was convicted of fourth degree assault, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, in the Jefferson County, Kentucky District Court. Simpson also admitted that after he was convicted of the misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, he possessed a .357 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver on September 10, 2007, and that two days later, on September 12, 2007, he possessed a Ruger .22 caliber semiautomatic pistol. Further, Simpson admitted that between July 17, 2007 and September 30, 2007, he possessed three firearms: a Browning Model 20 12 gauge shotgun, a Marlin 336CS 30-30 rifle, and a High Standard Sentinel Deluxe .22 caliber pistol. Finally, Simpson admitted that on January 15, 2008, he possessed sixty-six rounds of .357 magnum caliber ammunition.

Federal law prohibits persons who have been convicted of misdemeanor crimes of

domestic violence from possessing either firearms or ammunition. Simpson also agreed to forfeit all of the firearms and ammunition involved in the offenses.

The maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, fines totaling \$1,000,000, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department and the Kentucky Department of Probation and Parole as part of ATF's mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Charles R. Simpson, III, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Simpson is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Simpson on October 1, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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