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**CALEDONIA MAN PLEADS
SENTENCED ON FEDERAL ARSON
CONVICTION**

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and D. PAT KEEHNEN, Acting Chief of the City of Rockford Fire Department, today made the following announcement:

JEFF BARTLETT, age 43, Caledonia, Illinois, was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Philip G. Reinhard to 90 months in the Bureau of Prison for committing an arson at a Rockford business located at 4606 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois, on July 22, 2000. Bartlett will not be eligible for parole.

In pleading guilty on April 30, 2008, Bartlett admitted that in July 2000 he had an ongoing feud with a family member who opened a business to compete with Bartlett's business. Bartlett eventually hired two men to burn down the competing business. On the night of July 22, 2000, the two men hired by Bartlett constructed an incendiary device and drove to a location in northeast Rockford. One of these men approached the business at 4606 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois and broke out a first floor, rear window. He ignited the device and threw it inside the business. This started a fire inside and caused more than \$74,000 in damage to the business.

In addition to being ordered to serve 90 months in the Bureau of Prisons, Bartlett was ordered to serve 3 years of supervised release upon his release from imprisonment, to pay a \$1000 fine, a \$100 special assessment, and \$74,812.39 in restitution.

The case was investigated by the Rockford office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Rockford Fire Department, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Mark Karner.

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