

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **PERRY COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

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A Perry County, Missouri man pled guilty today to unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**BRADLEY BRAWNER, age 40**, pled guilty to 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 November 8, 2007, a Missouri Highway Patrol officer was investigating a single-car accident in Perry County, Missouri. The officer received information that the driver was at a nearby Eagles Lodge and that he had taken a firearm there. Another officer went to that lodge to contact the driver. When the officer arrived at the Lodge, he observed Bradley Brawner carrying a Winchester, 12 gauge shotgun. Mr. Brawner admitted that he was the driver of the

vehicle involved in the accident. The officer questioned Mr. Brawner about the vehicle accident and the firearm. Mr. Brawner admitted that he had been shooting the shotgun at a shooting match held at the Eagles Lodge. Due to Mr. Brawner's previous felony conviction, he is prohibited from possessing firearms.

He now faces a maximum punishment of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing has been set for October 22, 2008.

Hanaway praised the Missouri State Highway Patrol 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.