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JURY CONVICTS ON FIREARMS CHARGE RELATED TO POLICE OFFICER SHOOTING

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . A federal jury convicted LUCIEN J. TRAMMELL, 25, of Shreveport, of firearms charges after one and a half days of trial, United States Attorney Donald Washington announced today. TRAMMELL was charged with possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon after he shot a Shreveport police officer in the face with a .40 caliber Glock handgun on January 29, 2008.

As Officer John Madjerick of the Shreveport Police Department attempted to search TRAMMELL, TRAMMELL produced a handgun and shot Madjerick in the face. TRAMMELL then fled on foot, tossing the handgun into some underbrush on a vacant lot before breaking into a nearby house and changing his clothes. He was later arrested in Houston, Texas, by the U. S. Marshall Service Fugitive Task Force.

Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon carries a maximum sentence of 10 years and a \$250,000 fine. There is still a pending attempted murder charge in the First Judicial District Court . TRAMMELL's prior felony state convictions are possession of stolen goods and possession of cocaine.

U. S. Attorney Donald Washington stated: "If we are to have safe neighborhoods, then criminals of the likes of Mr. Trammel must be incarcerated for the longest possible time. This office will continue to do all that we can in the law enforcement realm to pursue and bring violent criminals to their day in court. We also continue to request that good neighbors continue to report criminal conduct to law enforcement officers."

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide program begun in 2001 and was designed to reduce violence in our communities by aggressively using existing federal firearms laws. This case was investigated by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Shreveport Field Office, Special Agent Joseph Mann, in conjunction with the Shreveport Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney J. Scott Williams.

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