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**BOWLING GREEN MAN SENTENCED FOR
BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A GUN AND FIRING THAT
WEAPON AT WITNESSES DURING A CRIME OF VIOLENCE**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **MICHAEL J. SIMMONS**, age 29, of 1005 Blake Way, Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for retaliating against a witness, discharging a firearm during a crime of violence, and being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Simmons** to 16 years and 5 months, plus 5 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Simmons pled guilty and admitted that on February 9, 2004, he fired his handgun multiple times into a Bowling Green, Kentucky residence, located at 113 East 13th Street, in order to retaliate against a witness for providing information leading to the arrest of his brother Derrick Simmons on drug charges. **Michael Simmons** is a prior convicted felony who was on parole at the time of the offense.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Philip C. Chance, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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