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Steubenville Resident Convicted on Firearms Charge

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A Steubenville, Ohio, resident was convicted by a federal trial jury today (August 4, 2005) in United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Wheeling before Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

United States Attorney Thomas E. Johnston announced that EMORY TAYLOR CHILES, of 1417 Euclid Avenue, Steubenville, was convicted on a charge contained in a one-count Indictment after a two-day trial. Specifically, CHILES, who was previously convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed a Bryco Arms model Jennings 9 mm handgun on May 8, 2005, in Weirton, Hancock County, West Virginia.

CHILES, who is currently in custody pending sentencing, faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

“Today's verdict was the result of an excellent law enforcement effort, and another reminder that firearms crime brings serious consequences in our system of justice,” Johnston said.

The case was prosecuted under the *Project Safe Homes Initiative* United States Attorney Randolph J. Bernard and Assistant United States Perri. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Explosives and the Weirton Police Department.

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