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**CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO OVER 24 YEARS
IN FEDERAL PRISON UNDER PROJECT EXILE**

Robert G. McCampbell, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, announced today that **Brent Galbreath**, 33 of Oklahoma City, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Joe Heaton who sentenced Galbreath to serve 292 months (i.e. 24 years and 4 months) in federal prison after finding him to be an Armed Career Criminal.

Galbreath was arrested on February 2, 2005, by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol following a routine traffic stop that escalated to a point where Galbreath assaulted the Trooper and attempted to remove the Trooper's firearm. A search of Galbreath's vehicle uncovered guns and drugs.

Galbreath was indicted on March 15, 2004, for possessing three firearms(a Colt .45 semi-automatic pistol, a Ruger .357 Magnum revolver and a Charter Arms .38 Special caliber revolver) and for possession of cocaine base (crack) and marijuana.

On April 29, 2005, Galbreath pled guilty to felon in possession of 3 firearms.

Under federal law, a person who has previously been convicted of three violent felony offenses and is convicted of being in possession of a firearm is deemed an Armed Career Criminal which brings a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 15 years. At the sentencing hearing today, Judge Heaton found Galbreath to be an Armed Career Criminal based on his prior criminal history which included convictions for 2 burglaries and possession of a stolen vehicle in Tillman County and a 2nd degree rape and maiming in Oklahoma County.

This case was prosecuted in federal court as part of "Project Exile," a cooperative partnership between local, state and federal law enforcement designed to make our streets safer by taking violent criminals off the streets. "Project Exile" is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's national Project Safe Neighborhoods program. This case involved the cooperative efforts of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Mark Yancey.

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