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**FORMER BRADENTON POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED
TO EIGHT YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge James D. Whittemore, today sentenced PAUL MARTIN HAGA to eight years' imprisonment for being a convicted felon in possession of firearms and explosive devices.

PAUL MARTIN HAGA pled guilty to Count One of an indictment, returned on July 8, 2004, charging him with being a felon in possession of firearms and explosives. Previously, HAGA, a former Bradenton police officer, had been convicted of numerous felony convictions in Manatee County, Florida, including organized crime, official misconduct, two counts of burglary of a dwelling, fraudulent use of a credit card and carrying a concealed firearm.

A search conducted by law enforcement officials of the defendant's premises in Manatee County, Florida, revealed the following firearms, explosives, charges and ammunition:

One Marlin rifle model number 60, .22 caliber, serial number 15479178.

One Polarm for armi efferi, .410 shotgun, serial number 21254.

One Stevens shotgun, 16 gauge, no serial number.

One Marlin rifle model number 60, blank gauge, serial number 17347098.

One Mosberg shotgun, 410 gauge, serial number 183D-D.

One Mosberg shotgun, 12 gauge, serial number 559755.

One Ithica shotgun, 16 gauge, serial number 759426-2.

One U.S. Military M49A1 trip flare.

Three U.S. Military M6 electric blasting caps.

Ten U.S. Military M7 non-electric blasting caps.

A U.S. Military M116A1 hand grenade simulator.

A U.S. Military ABCM25A2 CSI grenade.

More than one thousand rounds of various types of ammunition.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Task of Special Investigations. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael E. Runyon.