



**United States Attorney's Office District of
Connecticut
Press Release**

**June 29, 2006 Project Safe Neighborhoods: NORWALK FELON SENTENCED
TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGAL GUN POSSESSION**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, today announced that ANTHONY ROGERS, age 23 (DOB 11/25/82), formerly of 18 Quintard Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut, was sentenced yesterday, June 28, by Senior United States District Judge Peter C. Dorsey in New Haven to 24 months of imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, for possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon. It is a violation of federal law for a convicted felon to possess a firearm and/or ammunition that moved in interstate or foreign commerce.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, on February 18, 2005, and having previously been convicted in the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut of carrying a pistol without a permit and possession of narcotics, ROGERS knowingly possessed a Taurus, Model 908, 9 millimeter semi-automatic pistol with an obliterated serial number. The firearm's magazine was fully loaded and included semi-jacketed "Hyrd-Shock" hollow point cartridges.

On February 18, 2005, Norwalk Police Officers recovered the weapon from ROGERS while executing a state arrest warrant on charges stemming from a separate case involving shooting in a Norwalk grocery store on January 12, 2005. On February 18, 2005, officers also executed search warrants at two of ROGERS' residences, and seized, among other things, cocaine, crack cocaine and multiple bags of marijuana packaged in a manner consistent with packaging for street sale, and cash totaling in excess of \$10,000.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets and Violent Crimes Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Norwalk Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Reynolds.

The Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is aimed at reducing gun

violence, deterring illegal possession of guns, and improving the safety of residents in Connecticut's cities. Participants in the initiative include community members and organizations as well as federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

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