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AURORA, MO., FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Aurora, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to illegally possessing a firearm.

Randy Kevin Carey, 35, of Aurora, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to illegally possessing a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Carey** admitted that he was in possession of a Jennings .22 caliber pistol on Feb. 28, 2003, in Barry County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm. **Carey** has a 1989 criminal felony conviction for stealing, three 1996 criminal felony convictions for unlawful use of a weapon, assault and possession of a controlled substance and a 1998 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

Carey was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2003, in Springfield.

This case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Barry County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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