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SEDALIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FIREARMS CHARGE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Sedalia, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to a federal firearms law violation.

Kyle Eugene Comfort, 35, of Sedalia, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to illegal possession of a firearm. He was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 7, 2003, in Jefferson City.

By pleading guilty, **Comfort** admitted that he was in possession of Remington 12-gauge shotgun with a barrel measuring 12.5 inches in length on May 29, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for a person to possess a shotgun with a barrel of less than 18 inches in length.

The shotgun was discovered during a search of **Comfort's** residence. At the time it was found, it was loaded with six rounds of ammunition. The shotgun, which was cut off at an angle, was discovered in a bedroom of **Comfort's** residence, located at 2802 Westlake Drive, in Pettis County, Mo.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Comfort** may face up to 10 years in federal prison, plus a fine of up to \$250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Douglas Shull. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Pettis County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, and the Sedalia, Mo., Police Department.

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