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## **SEDALIA FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

**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 being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

**Justin L. Doyle**, 24, of Sedalia, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

By pleading guilty, **Doyle** admitted that he was in possession of a Maltby Enfield .303 British caliber rifle, along with ammunition, on Feb. 18, 2003, in Pettis County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Doyle** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for burglary and stealing and a 1997 criminal felony conviction for tampering with a motor vehicle.

**Doyle** was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 30, 2003, in Jefferson City.

Under federal law, Graves said, **Doyle** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$250,000. **Doyle's** 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.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Pettis County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Sedalia, Mo., Police Department and the Division of Family Services.

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