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FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY PURCHASING GUN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mountain Grove, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally purchasing a firearm from A& H Gun and Pawn, located in Mountain Grove.

Robert L. Gibbs, 46, was sentenced this afternoon by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 28, 2002, **Gibbs** pleaded guilty to a federal information charging him with making false statements in order to purchase a firearm on March 14, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Gibbs** admitted that he knowingly made false statements regarding his previous felony conviction. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for a convicted felon to purchase or possess a firearm or ammunition. Gibbs has a 1993 criminal felony conviction for assault.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Douglas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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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