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## **JOPLIN MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARM VIOLATIONS**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Joplin, Mo., man was sentenced today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

**Jeffrey Greer**, 36, of Joplin, Mo., was sentenced this afternoon by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright to two years and six months in prison without parole.

On August 5, 2002, **Greer** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Greer** admitted that he was in possession of a .45 caliber Hi-Point Pistol, a Remington 870 shotgun, a Revelation 12 gauge shotgun and a Stevens 20 gauge shotgun on November 11, 2001. Possession of any firearm at that time was illegal, Graves explained, due to **Greer's** 1999 criminal felony conviction for possession of controlled substance in Barry County.

The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office. The case was investigated the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Joplin Police Department.

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