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ST. JOSEPH MAN SENTENCED FOR STEALING SIX WEAPONS FROM AREA BUSINESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for stealing six weapons from Hatfield's Sporting Goods, Inc., a federally licensed firearm dealer in St. Joseph.

George E. Huyett, III, 22, of St. Joseph, was sentenced this afternoon by U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple to one year and one month in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Huyett** to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,700.

On April 5, 2002, **Huyett** pleaded guilty to stealing the weapons. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was involved with the burglary of Hatfield's on Dec. 3, 2001.

Huyett is the second defendant to plead guilty in the case. Co-defendant **Edward J. Bozarth**, 39, of St. Joseph, also pleaded guilty on April 5, 2002, and awaits sentencing. **Bozarth** admitted that he, too, was involved with the Hatfield's burglary.

Huyett and **Bozarth** were originally charged with stealing two shotguns and four rifles in an federal complaint filed on Dec. 18, 2001. They were indicted on the charge on Jan. 15, 2002.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the St. Joseph, Mo., Police Department and the Clinton County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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