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THAYER, MO., FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Thayer, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Timothy Jacobs, 35, of Thayer, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Jacobs** admitted that he was in possession of a Hi Point Firearms .380 caliber pistol and ammunition on March 24, 2003, in Oregon County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jacobs** has a 1993 criminal felony conviction for forgery in Oregon County, a 1993 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated in Lawrence County, Mo., a 1993 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated in Sharp County, Ark., and a 1994 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated in Sharp County.

Jacobs was initially arrested after law enforcement officers responded to a complaint of shots being fired at a residence in Thayer, Graves said. **Jacobs** admitted that he fired the handgun three times into the hood of his family's vehicle after he had been drinking and arguing with his wife.

At the time of his arrest, law enforcement officers discovered three shell casings in front of the family's 1992 Dodge Caravan, which had three bullet holes in its hood. Law enforcement officers also found the .380 caliber pistol in **Jacobs'** attic.

Jacobs was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 10, 2003, in Springfield, Mo.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Jacobs** may be subject to a sentence up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine 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 Deputy United States Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Oregon County, Mo., Sheriff's Office.

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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