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## **THAYER, MO., FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

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

**Timothy Jacobs**, 35, of Thayer, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to six years and five months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 16, 2003, **Jacobs** pleaded guilty 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.

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.

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.

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