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NITRO UPDATE:
**DAVIESS COUNTY MAN SENTENCED
IN NITRO FIREARMS CASE**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Daviess County, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Graves said, the sentencing is the result of work conducted by the NITRO task force in Northwest Missouri.

William S. Perkins, 33, of McFall, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 12, 2003, **Perkins** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Perkins** admitted that he was in possession of a New England 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun and a Kimel .22-caliber revolver on Oct. 29, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for a convicted felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Perkins'** has two 1995 felony convictions for first degree theft and criminal mischief and a 1997 felony conviction for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess Michaelson. It was investigated by NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation, in cooperation with the Gallatin, Mo., Police Department. NITRO is a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county northwest Missouri region.



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