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## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a southwest Missouri man was sentenced in federal court today for federal firearms violations.

**Roger Roy Perry**, 77, of Duenweg, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to three years of probation.

On Nov. 21, 2002, **Perry** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to engage in the business of dealing in firearms without a license, and to transport firearms in interstate commerce while engaging in that business. **Perry** and co-conspirators bought and sold firearms at flea markets and gun shows, Graves explained, displaying numerous firearms and selling them in Springfield and Joplin, Mo., as well as Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla.

**Perry** admitted that he illegally sold firearms at a Joplin, Mo., flea market in 2000, at the Springfield Gun Show on Aug. 18, 2001, and at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Gun Shows in 1999. **Perry** also admitted that he used his Duenweg, Mo., residence to store firearms between gun shows.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Joplin Police Department, the Duenweg, Mo., Police and Fire Departments, COMET, and the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

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