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JERICO SPRINGS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

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

Stephen L. Salyer, 46, of Jerico Springs, 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, **Salyer** admitted that he was in possession of a Savage over-and-under .22/.410 gauge shotgun/rifle combination and a Jennings .22 caliber pistol on March 3, 2003. 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. **Salyer** has a 1993 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

Salyer was originally charged with being a felon in possession in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 4, 2003, in Springfield.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was investigated by the Combined Ozark Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team (COMET) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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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