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## **PRISON INMATE SENTENCED FOR STABBING AT MEDICAL CENTER**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an inmate at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield was sentenced today for using a homemade weapon to attack a fellow inmate.

**Steven Loren Scott**, 51, who is currently serving a 20-year sentence as a career offender convicted of armed bank robbery in 1991, was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright to 10 years and five months in prison without parole.

On September 25, 2002, **Scott** was found guilty by a federal grand jury of one count of assault in a federal prison with a deadly weapon with intent to cause bodily harm, and one count of possession of prohibited objects in a federal prison.

**Scott** attacked fellow inmate Erving Nelson Bond, Jr., Graves explained, using a crude six-inch-long shank, or sharpened metal spike, near a shower area at the prison hospital facility on November 24, 2000.

**Scott** was transferred to the prison hospital facility on June 13, 2000. Bond, who is serving a life sentence for armed kidnapping and armed robbery, was transferred to the prison hospital facility on October 17, 2000.

Graves said the attack occurred as prison guards were separately escorting the two inmates to a shower room. As **Scott's** guard was opening the shower door, **Scott** crouched down and stepped over his handcuffs, so his hands, still in the cuffs, were in front of his body. **Scott** then began running at Bond, pulling the shank from his prison jumpsuit and yelling that he was going to get him.

**Scott** stabbed Bond in the upper chest area, near the sternum, though Graves said the

injury was not serious. While being searched afterward, a second shank was found hidden in **Scott's** underwear.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

On August 28, 2002, a federal grand jury in Los Angeles, Calif., returned a 10-count indictment charging **Scott** and 39 other defendants with being members of and committing criminal acts on behalf of the Aryan Brotherhood, a white supremacist prison gang. The acts of stabbing Bond, a black inmate at the prison medical center, and possessing a shank in prison are alleged as acts supporting the charges against the organization and the indicted members, including **Scott**, under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations federal statute. The California federal indictment alleges that the Aryan Brotherhood is a race-based gang in state and federal prisons that controls drug distribution and uses violence, including murder, to maintain and enforce its rule.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the California indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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