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## **CAMERON MAN SENTENCED FOR THREATENING A WITNESS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Cameron, Mo., man has been sentenced in federal court for threatening a witness in a federal criminal case.

**Shannon L. Short**, 22, of Cameron, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on Feb. 20, 2003, to two years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 20, 2002, **Short** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to the use of intimidation, physical force and threat against a federal witness. In a separate but related case, **Allen John Dale Anderson**, 21, also of Cameron, was sentenced to two years and six months for his role in that conspiracy.

Graves explained that **Short** and **Anderson** threatened a witness in a federal criminal case by detonating an explosive device they had attached near the gas tank of the witness' automobile. On Feb. 23, 2002, **Short** and **Anderson** detonated the explosive device while the automobile was sitting in the driveway of the witness' home in Cameron, Graves said.

**Short** admitted that they detonated the explosive device because of the witness' cooperation with law enforcement officials during an investigation into illegal drug activities and firearm violations, with the intent to prevent the witness from providing information.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Cameron, Mo., Police Department, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office and the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office.

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