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FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Licking, Mo., man pleaded guilty today to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Donald R. Shrout, 54, of Licking, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this afternoon to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Shrout** admitted that he was in possession of a Marlin .22 caliber rifle on Feb. 18, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Shrout** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for stealing in Phelps County, Mo.; a 1997 criminal felony conviction for manufacture of marijuana in Texas County, Mo.; and a 1968 criminal felony conviction for robbery in Texas County.

This case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Mike Jones. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Texas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Pulaski County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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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