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## **SEDALIA, MO., MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF IMPROVISED SHOTGUN**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Sedalia, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court this morning to possessing an improvised shotgun without a serial number.

**Frederick Eugene Snider, Jr.**, 45, of Sedalia, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to possessing an improvised shotgun on March 23, 2003. The shotgun did not have a serial number and was not registered to **Snider** in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

By pleading guilty, **Snider** admitted that he was in possession of the shotgun following a dispute with his ex-wife.

On March 23, 2003, **Snider's** former wife reported to law enforcement officers that **Snider** had broken into her home without her consent and barricaded himself inside the residence.

Upon arriving at the residence, law enforcement officers secured the scene, which was located in the 900 block of West Fifth Street, and entered the residence to find that **Snider** had left. Law enforcement officers noted considerable damage to the home.

Law enforcement officers then located **Snider** at his own residence, 2701 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St. The officers gained entry by use of a battering ram. **Snider** was found in his residence in possession of a loaded, improvised shotgun and various knives.

It was later determined that the improvised shotgun was a homemade firearm constructed in Anoka, Minn. Its barrel was approximately 18 inches in length. The overall length of the firearm was approximately 19 3/4 inches.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Snider** may be subject to a sentenced of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. His sentenced will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony P. Gonzalez. It was investigated by the Sedalia, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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