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**MOROCCO PORTER ENTERS GUILTY PLEAS  
TO BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION AND  
CARRYING A FIREARM DURING A DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSE**

**Shreveport, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that Morocco Shamarolos Porter, 29, of Shreveport, plead guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition and to carrying a firearm during a crime of drug trafficking.

Porter admitted his guilt to two counts of the indictment filed in this case during a hearing before U. S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. Testimony at the hearing established that on February 9, 2011, Porter was driving a car that was stopped by a Shreveport Police officer for a traffic offense. After the traffic stop, Porter fled on foot from the scene and dropped a loaded .40 caliber semiautomatic handgun. Shreveport Police officers soon located Porter and found that Porter was also in possession of crack cocaine and marijuana. He discarded the drugs as he fled from the police. Porter admitted that he was convicted in 2002 for possession of cocaine in Bossier Parish District Court, and was convicted in 2008 of a second felony, aggravated battery, in Caddo Parish District Court. Federal law prohibits convicted felons from possessing firearms or ammunition. Federal law also prohibits a person to carry a firearm while committing a drug trafficking crime.

Porter faces a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, and forfeiture of his firearm. Porter remains in federal custody pending his sentencing on September 27, 2012.

U.S. Attorney Finley stated, "The United States Attorney's Office will continue to vigorously prosecute felons who possess firearms and those who carry firearms while drug trafficking. Under our Project Safe Neighborhood Program, we have joined with our state and local partners to assure that convicted felons like Mr. Porter are identified, arrested and prosecuted. Our goal is to remove convicted felons, violent offenders, drug traffickers and others who carry and use firearms from our streets and neighborhoods. We want to make our communities safer so that each citizen of this community is more secure and feels more secure. Since it began in 2001, Project Safe Neighborhoods' nationwide

program has successfully reduced violence in our communities by aggressively enforcing existing federal firearms laws.”

This case was investigated by the Shreveport Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert W. Gillespie, Jr.

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