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**ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 40 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR POSSESSING SIX STOLEN FIREARMS**

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; LARRY FORD, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF); and RICHARD A. MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **DANIEL D. GRAP**, 23 (DOB: 7/14/80), formerly of 915 2nd Avenue, Rockford, Illinois, to a non-paroleable prison term of 40 months for possessing stolen firearms. In addition, the court ordered Grap to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison and to pay a \$200 fine. The court also ordered Grap to pay restitution of \$1,400.00

On February 4, 2004, Grap pleaded guilty and admitted that in the early morning hours of March 17, 2002, he drove his pickup truck to 5701 Montague Road, accompanied by codefendant Nathan Bruner, 23 (DOB: 6/18/80) formerly of 1320 Yonge Street, Rockford, Illinois. Once there Bruner broke into the building on the premises where he had seen the guns earlier, while Grap waited outside. Bruner broke in by breaking a window and climbing through, cutting himself in the process. Once inside, Bruner retrieved six firearms from the bedroom, including a .22 caliber rifle, a Winchester rifle, a 20-gauge shotgun, a 12-gauge shotgun, a Smith and Wesson revolver, and a Ruger semi-automatic .45 caliber revolver. Bruner carried the six firearms out to Grap's truck. Grap and Bruner then left and divided the guns between themselves.

Bruner pleaded guilty in federal court in Rockford on November 10, 2003, to charges of knowingly stealing six firearms which had traveled across state lines and was sentenced on February 11, 2004, to 78 months in prison without parole, three years of supervised release following his release from prison, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,311.17.

Both Grap and Bruner were prosecuted in federal court where each was charged under tough federal firearms laws as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods program. Project Safe Neighborhoods is an intensive, cooperative effort between local, state, and federal law enforcement to attack gun crimes. Additional information about Project Safe Neighborhoods may be found at www.psn.gov.

The case was investigated by the Rockford Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police. It was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael F. Iasparro.

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