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CINCINNATI MAN SENTENCED TO 293 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT AS AN ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL

Arrested following police chase in 2007

CINCINNATI – Ramone Anderson, 28, of Cincinnati was sentenced in United States District Court here to 293 months in prison for possessing a firearm when Cincinnati Police officers stopped him after a chase in 2007.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Christopher P. Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr. announced the sentence handed down late yesterday by United States District Judge Michael R. Barrett.

A jury convicted Anderson on November 5, 2009 after a three-day trial on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to testimony presented during the trial, Cincinnati Police officers Eric Priestle and Dwight Pewett responded to a call at the Golden Nugget Lounge on Queen City Avenue on October 11, 2007 following reports that there was a fight in the parking lot. At some time during the fight Anderson ended up with a firearm and fired off several rounds. A girl was cut by breaking glass from one of the shots. As police approached, Anderson fled the area and led the police in a high speed chase through town. He was apprehended after he crashed his car in a parking lot near Harrison and Patterson avenues. Officers found the gun beside his vehicle.

Evidence included positive results from a gunshot residue test conducted on Anderson's hand shortly after the arrest. Anderson's prior criminal record included convictions in Hamilton County Common Pleas court for aggravated Assault in 2000, Felonious Assault in 2001 and Robbery in 2001.

This case was investigated by the Project Disarm Task Force, a partnership between ATF, the Cincinnati Police Department and Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters' Office focused on reducing gun violence in Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Project Disarm is the local extension of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an intense nationwide coordinated effort by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target communities with persistent high levels of drug and gun crime and vigorously prosecute them in federal court. For more information on Project Safe Neighborhoods, visit www.psn.gov.

Stewart commended the investigation by Cincinnati police officers and ATF agents, as well as the prosecution of the case by Assistant United States Attorneys Timothy D. Oakley and Kevin

Tierney and former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Seibel with Hamilton County
Prosecutor Joe Deters' Office.

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