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WATERLOO MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING PIPE BOMB

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Christopher Hamlin, 21, of Waterloo, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to seven years in federal prison for possessing a pipe bomb. Hamlin pleaded guilty to the charge on December 17, 2009.

Hamlin was arrested after Watertown Police officers recovered a five-inch long pipe bomb in Hamlin's pocket on August 6, 2009. The bomb was later detonated by the Milwaukee County Bomb Squad. Hamlin has two prior felony convictions for crimes of violence and was on probation for a number of criminal state court cases when he committed the offense. Judge Crabb ruled that the defendant could serve his federal sentence concurrently to a state court sentence he is already serving.

The charges against Hamlin were the result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Milwaukee County Bomb Squad, and Watertown Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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