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**MADISON MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

Ronald L. Rudd, Jr. Sentenced as Armed Career Criminal

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Ronald L. Rudd, Jr., 21, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Lynn S. Adelman to a statutory mandatory minimum 15 years in prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Rudd pleaded guilty to this charge on November 6, 2009.

On January 2, 2008, officers with the Madison Police Department found a loaded revolver hidden in the basement rafters of Rudd's apartment building. The revolver was located outside of the storage unit belonging to Rudd's apartment and Rudd's DNA was identified on the firearm.

Rudd qualified for the mandatory 15-year sentence because he was classified as an Armed Career Criminal, meaning he had a combination of three prior violent felony and drug convictions.

The charge against Rudd was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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