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JURY CONVICTS CHICAGO MAN OF GUN CRIME

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Carlos G. Lewis, 20, Chicago, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition yesterday following a one-day jury trial in federal court in Madison.

The evidence at trial established that on the morning of August 25, 2009, Lewis called a local cab company to pick him up in the Allied Drive neighborhood. Lewis wanted to get to the Greyhound bus station by 11:00 a.m., but the cab driver told him they weren't going to make it on time. Lewis became angry with the cab driver and said, "I've got something for you."

Feeling threatened, the cab driver flagged down a nearby uniformed Madison Police Department Sergeant. When the sergeant approached the cab, Lewis got out and started walking away. When the sergeant told Lewis he wanted to talk to him, Lewis took off running. The sergeant ran after Lewis and saw him throw his red hat to the ground.

The sergeant briefly lost sight of Lewis as he rounded a corner of a building. During that time, an employee of a local business happened to be outside smoking a cigarette and he saw Lewis throw something on the roof of the building. The eyewitness employee told the police what he saw and directed them to the location on the roof, where police recovered a loaded .40 caliber Glock pistol.

Lewis continued to flee after throwing the gun on the roof, but additional citizen witnesses helped the police locate Lewis, who was lying on the ground hiding under thick bushes in a nearby neighborhood.

U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for March 10, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. Lewis faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison.

The charge against Lewis was the result of an investigation conducted by the

Madison Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M.
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