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DETROIT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Richard R. Sanders, 25, of Detroit, Mich., pleaded guilty yesterday before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to being a felon in possession of a firearm. On or about January 17, 2010, officers from the Huntington Police Department responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of 28th Street, in Huntington. Sanders, who was at the scene during that time, fled from responding officers and was eventually subdued around the 2500 block of 9th Avenue in Huntington. It was revealed that Sanders was found to be in possession of a loaded Kel-Tec, Model PF-9, 9 mm pistol with an obliterated serial number. Based on prior felony convictions, which includes a June 22, 2009 conviction in Cabell County Circuit Court, Sanders was prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Sanders is scheduled to be sentenced on April 25, 2011 and faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the offense.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Huntington Police Department jointly conducted the investigation. Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Adams is handling the prosecution.

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