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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Marquise D. Clark, 23, Beloit, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 80 months in prison for possessing a firearm after having been previously convicted of a felony. Clark pleaded guilty to this charge on October 4, 2007.

Officers with the Beloit Police Department found the firearm in Clark's bedroom during the execution of a search warrant at his residence in April 2006. Clark had previously been convicted of three felonies and was prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition based on those convictions. Judge Shabaz stated that a long sentence was necessary in this case to get Clark's attention and to keep him away from drugs and committing crime.

The charges against Clark were the result of an investigation conducted by the Beloit Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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