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MADISON MAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS FOR ILLEGAL GUN POSSESSION

MADISON, WIS. – Chadwick M. Elgersma, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Owen Roberson, 20, Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson to 2 years in federal prison for possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Roberson pleaded guilty to this charge on July 23, 2026.

Roberson illegally possessed a Glock 21 .45 caliber handgun while already on probation for a felony identity theft conviction and approximately 11 days after entering a deferred prosecution agreement for the felony offense of attempting to steal a firearm from a gun show. Roberson is prohibited from legally possessing firearms because of a prior felony conviction.

At sentencing, Judge Peterson found that a 2-year-sentence was necessary to protect the community because Roberson presented a real risk to society.

The charge against Roberson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Fitchburg Police Department and the ATF Madison Crime Gun Task Force, which is comprised of federal agents from ATF as well as state and local agents throughout the Western District of Wisconsin. Assistant U.S. Attorney Corey Stephan prosecuted this case.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is the Department of Justice's nationwide initiative that brings federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement, prosecutors, and other public safety partners together to coordinate efforts to combat violent crime and make communities safe. Coordinated by U.S. Attorneys' offices in each of the 94 federal districts, PSN is tailored to particular communities to strategically address specific violent crime and public safety challenges. As a key component of Operation Take Back America, PSN serves a central role in the Department's commitment to make our country safe. PSN emphasizes three core principles: rapid federal response to violent crime and criminal offenders; strong, strategic partnerships among law enforcement at all levels; and accountability and deterrence through the prosecution of the most

serious, readily provable offenses and other strategies.

Federal prosecutions by the U.S. Department of Justice involving drugs and guns are part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Operation Take Back America. Operation Take Back America is a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department to repel the invasion of illegal immigration, achieve the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations, and protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime.

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