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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - Jervis Jermaine Pringle, 36, of Chester, was convicted by a jury in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania of felon in possession of a firearm, qualifying him for a 15-year mandatory minimum prison sentence, announced Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green. This is Pringle's fourth felony conviction, and his previous convictions qualify him as an armed career criminal. He has previously been convicted of drug trafficking and weapons offenses. The jury, yesterday, found him guilty of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On January 12, 2007, Chester City detectives and an FBI special agent assigned to the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division Narcotics Task Force, executed a search warrant at Pringle's Chester home. Pringle was, at the time, on parole for drug trafficking out of Harris County, Texas. A detective recovered from the bedroom floor a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun, loaded with one round of ammunition in the chamber and 12 rounds in the magazine. Pringle had \$6,991 in cash in his pocket. Also recovered from his apartment were: an empty .40 caliber magazine clip for a handgun, a holster, two cellular phones, keys fitting the door locks for the apartment, several pieces of mail addressed to Pringle at another Chester address, and three forms of identification for Pringle.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Jervis Pringle	Chester, PA	36

The defendant faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison, up to life in prison, when sentenced November 19, 2008.

This case was investigated by FBI, ATF, Delaware County Criminal Division, Narcotics Unit, and Chester City Police. It was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney James Halligan.

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