



PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Reducing Gun Violence through Aggressive Prosecution and Community Outreach



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Wallowa County Courthouse
Site of the Stevens case
described in the Significant Recent Cases Section

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a major priority of the Department of Justice. Its goal is to reduce gun violence and create safer communities by prosecuting weapons cases in federal court where serious sentences are available for prohibited persons found to be in possession of firearms or ammunition. In this issue we highlight significant cases from Lane County and Wallowa County. In addition, 24 recently indicted and sentenced cases from five other counties are listed.

Significant Recent Cases

Sengchanh Dia Savath, was sentenced in August by United States District Judge Michael R. Hogan to serve 30 years in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm under the Armed Career Criminal Act. Because Savath's criminal history included at least three previous convictions for violent felonies, his possession of a handgun classified him as an armed career criminal which required a 15-year minimum sentence with a maximum of life. In February 2009, a jury found Savath guilty of possessing the handgun in furtherance of a methamphetamine conspiracy, conspiring to deliver methamphetamine, and being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. This case arose out of a vehicle stop by Springfield police as Savath was driving two passengers to a drug deal. He was arrested on outstanding warrants from prior convictions and a pending charge. Police found a stolen and loaded handgun in Savath's bag along with his identification card and ammunition. Judge Hogan found Savath's three prior felony convictions for robbery and assault qualified him to be sentenced as an armed career criminal and a career offender. The Eugene Resident Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Springfield Police Department successfully investigated the case. AUSA Frank Papagni prosecuted this case in Eugene.

In early October a Wallowa County firearms and burglary case involving Richard Dean Stevens was indicted in federal court in Portland. This case arose out of the theft of nearly 30 firearms from 2 separate residences in Wallowa County. Stevens was subsequently arrested in Cameron Parish, Louisiana while attempting to sell some of the firearms. He is presently in custody in Louisiana and a federal detainer has been placed on him. Stevens has prior felony convictions from Ohio and Oklahoma for receiving stolen property, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a weapon while under disability, unauthorized use of a vehicle, false personation, felony driving under the influence and escape. This case was investigated by the Wallowa County Sheriff's office, the Boise office of ATF and is being prosecuted by AUSA Fred Weinhouse.

Cases Indicted

Clackamas County

Jesse Harold Weinel

Jackson County

Kevin Dale Baremore
 Christopher Achim Faulk
 Felipe Pineda-Hernandez

Josephine County

Clyde Warren Baker, Jr.
 Jonathan Alexander Douglas-Wilcox
 Ryan Michael Snyder

Marion County

Allan Lee Rose

Multnomah County

James Henry Avington, Jr.
 Shirley Marie Behurst
 Nate Paul Burke
 Okhani Dereco Garland
 Richard Olaus Lundquist, Jr.
 Tony Dion Parker
 Jason Adel Suhr

Wallowa County

Richard Dean Stevens

Cases Sentenced

Clackamas County

Jason Craig Gomsrud	15 mos
Jessie McKee	24 mos

Jackson County

Benigio Castizo-Meza	7 mos
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Lane County

Sengchanh Dia Savath	360 mos
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Marion County

Shawn Michael Bray	73 mos
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Multnomah County

Philip Vernon Alexander	Probation
David John Hinshaw	24 mos
Antoine R. Johnson	77 mos
Hollis Laray McClure	31 mos
Terry D. Yost, Jr.	8 mos

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