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**HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY MAN SENTENCED TO 115 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM OWNED BY A FEDERAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

TRENTON, N.J. – Larry Langforddavis of Hillside, New Jersey, was sentenced today to 115 months in prison for illegally possessing a firearm and ammunition that belonged to a Deputy United States Marshal, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Langforddavis, 34, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition on December 10, 2009. In convicting Langforddavis, the jury found that he knowingly possessed a firearm and ammunition that belonged to Antoine Dobson, then a Deputy United States Marshal. United States District Judge Peter G. Sheridan presided over the trial and imposed today's sentence in Trenton federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and the evidence at trial:

Langforddavis and Dobson were friends who spent time together socially. On January 5, 2008, Langforddavis and Dobson were out together at Jersey Girls, a strip club in Elizabeth, New Jersey, when Dobson was allegedly attacked in the parking lot and brought to Trinitas Hospital for treatment. Elizabeth police officers came to the hospital to question Dobson and other witnesses concerning the events. Langforddavis, in the presence of Dobson, identified himself to two of the officers as a law enforcement officer, showing them a black semi-automatic firearm that he was wearing in a black ankle holster on his left leg.

When questioned later that day by a third officer outside the hospital, the defendant denied that he ever identified himself as a law enforcement officer. The three Elizabeth police officers then went to confront him, and Langforddavis fled the scene in an SUV with a flat tire. When the officers questioned Dobson about Langforddavis' identity, Dobson falsely claimed that he did not know Langforddavis' name or address.

On January 19, 2008, Elizabeth police officers responded to Jersey Girls on an unrelated matter, where an officer saw Langforddavis walking in the parking lot of the club. Langforddavis was found to be carrying a black semi-automatic firearm in a black ankle holster, which was fully loaded with hollow point bullets.

The investigation revealed that the firearm was purchased by Dobson as his off-duty firearm. Dobson was convicted on July 14, 2009, following a jury trial, of one count of disposing his firearm and ammunition to a convicted felon and one count of perjury, and is

scheduled to be sentenced on October 14, 2010, before Judge Sheridan.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Sheridan sentenced Langforddavis to three years of supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited Special Agents of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, N.Y. Field Office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James. E. Tomlinson; the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward, in Newark; the U.S. Marshals Service for the Southern District of New York, under the direction of Marshal Joseph R. Guccione; and the U.S. Marshals Service for the District of New Jersey, under the direction of Marshal James T. Plousis, with the investigation of this case. Fishman also credited the Elizabeth and Fanwood, New Jersey Police Departments for their work and invaluable assistance with the investigation and prosecution.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Zahid N. Quraishi of the United States Attorney's Office Narcotics/Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Unit in Newark.

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