

**U.S. Department of Justice**

*United States Attorney*

*District of \_\_\_\_\_*

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September \_\_, 2017

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Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney's Office \_\_\_\_ County

Re: State v. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear ASA \_\_\_\_\_:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that the case against \_\_\_\_\_ has been referred to this Office for possible federal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) (possession of a firearm by a prohibited person). If the pending state case against the Defendant has not been resolved in a manner satisfactory to your office by \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, please be advised that we will proceed with a federal prosecution of the Defendant.

The maximum penalty for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person under federal law is 10 years imprisonment without parole and a \$250,000 fine, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) and 924(a)(2). Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(e), a Defendant with three previous convictions for a "violent felony" or "serious drug offense" (as defined in the statute), or both, committed on occasions different from one another, is subject to enhanced penalties for this offense. If a federal court determines that the Defendant qualifies for these enhanced penalties, the maximum penalty will be life imprisonment without parole, with a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment without parole.

You may forward this letter to counsel for the Defendant. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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United States Attorney

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Assistant United States Attorney