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EX-SHERIFF SEEKS PARDON TO HUNT

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Former Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff **Dallas Cormier** has applied for a federal pardon so he can go hunting again.

Cormier pleaded guilty to one count of obstruction of justice and was sentenced March 29, 1993, to three years of supervised probation.

A state judge dropped the last two years of probation March 30, at the request of Cormier's probation officer.

Federal law requires either the president or governor to pardon a federal felon before the felon can legally carry a gun. The pardon process usually takes about 1 1/2 years, Cormier's attorney, Russell Tritico Sr., said.

After he pleaded guilty last year, Cormier also was sentenced to 500 hours of community service and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine within three years.

As part of a plea bargain, federal prosecutors dropped 35 other charges accusing Cormier of crimes ranging from improper use of an inmate leader to using public money to buy trucks, tires and guns for himself.

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