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## Macomb County Prosecutor increased gun crime prosecutions

**Mount Clemens, MI** - The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office has never been tougher on illegal gun possession according to criminal charges authorized over the last two years. Since January 2021, more charges of felony firearm and carrying a concealed weapon without a license have been authorized than in any prior years.

"There is no constitutional right to possess a gun when committing a felony," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

Felony firearm charges have steadily increased under Prosecutor Lucido. In 2020, the year before Lucido took office, felony firearm was charged 146 times. In 2021, felony firearm was charged 185 times, and so far this year, felony firearm was charged 308 times. The Michigan felony firearm statute carries a mandatory two year, consecutive sentence.

In 2020, the year before Lucido took office, carrying a concealed weapon without a license was charged 434 times. In 2022, the five-year felony was charged 551 times.

Lucido said his office will continue to actively pursue other gun charges, including felon in possession of a weapon. A convicted felon who possesses a gun or ammunition will be charged with a 5-year felony. Anyone without a concealed pistol license who has a gun in a vehicle they operate or occupy, whether concealed or otherwise, could face a 5-year felony, unless it is properly stored inaccessible to the driver, unloaded, and in a case.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people and is committed to achieving justice under the laws of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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