

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT**

STATE OF MISSOURI,

RESPONDENT,

v.

LOUIS E. GEORGE,

APPELLANT.

DOCKET NUMBER WD69405

DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Appeal From:

LAFAYETTE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

THE HONORABLE DENNIS ALLEN ROLF, JUDGE

Appellate Judges:

DIVISION TWO: HARDWICK, P.J., HOWARD and DANDURAND, JJ.

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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Before Division Two Judges: HARDWICK, P.J., HOWARD and DANDURAND, JJ.

Louis George appeals from his convictions on two counts of unlawfully possessing a weapon. He contends the convictions violated his constitutional right against double jeopardy because he previously was convicted of the same offense in federal court.

AFFIRMED.

Division Two holds: Missouri adheres to the principle of dual sovereignty. Under this principle, a conviction or acquittal in federal court will not prevent a subsequent conviction for the same offense in state court if the case is one over which both sovereignties have jurisdiction. George's point on appeal is denied because his convictions for unlawful weapon possession in state and federal court did not violate the double jeopardy clause.

Opinion by: Lisa White Hardwick, Judge

February 24, 2009

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