

# DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!



On December 7, 2002, Ricky Phillips, 41, of 716 N. Troy, was a passenger in a car which was stopped for a routine traffic violation. Both Phillips and the driver fled the scene of the traffic stop. Chicago Police officers subsequently saw Phillips with a gun in his waistband climbing on to the roof of a building near Madison and Whipple and arrested him. Phillips, a member of the Traveling Vice Lords street gang, has previous convictions for attempted murder, burglary and possession of a controlled substance.

Phillips was recently sentenced to 18 years in Federal prison after being convicted of being a felon in possession of a gun. There is no parole in the Federal system.

**If you carry a gun, you'll do really hard time a long way from home.**

***Project Safe Neighborhoods is a collaborative effort among the Chicago Police Department, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Illinois Department of Corrections to reduce gun violence in Chicago's neighborhoods.***

