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**FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS GEORGIA MAN OF MANUFACTURING &
DISTRIBUTING PIPE BOMBS, POSSESSION OF FIREARMS,
& DISTRIBUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE**

Defendant Told Agents He Could Build More Bombs And Get Almost Any Weapons

Newnan, GA - JASON SOUTH, 28, of Newnan and Roswell, Georgia, was found guilty by a jury today in federal district court on charges of possession of firearms by a convicted felon; possession of a sawed-off shotgun; possession, manufacturing, and transferring improvised explosive pipe bombs; and distribution of methamphetamine.

“The investigation and prosecution of this case demonstrates our dedication and commitment to ensure the safety of our community,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “Today’s guilty verdict highlights the efforts of federal law enforcement in protecting us all against armed felons, bomb makers and drug-dealers like this defendant.”

ATF Special Agent In Charge Vanessa McLemore said, “Our best evidence was produced as a direct result of our agents’ ability to go undercover and take the calculated risk of dealing one-on-one with a bomb maker. Jason South, a three-time convicted felon, was more than willing to assist our agent, who posed as an assassin in need of firepower and bombs. With unnerving callousness, South delivered the goods.”

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: During an undercover investigation, SOUTH transferred a sawed-off shotgun and other firearms to an ATF agent on August 3, 2005, at SOUTH’s residence in Newnan, Georgia. As the investigation continued, SOUTH bragged to the undercover agent about his ability to secure many types of weapons and his ability to build explosive devices. On August 11, 2005, after SOUTH had agreed to make bombs for the undercover agent, other agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), observed SOUTH purchase materials needed for the manufacture of three pipe bombs at a local home improvement store. SOUTH then made three pipe bombs and delivered them to undercover ATF agents. SOUTH also sold approximately 25 grams of methamphetamine to the agents.

SOUTH now faces a maximum sentence of life plus 40 years in federal prison, without the possibility of parole, and a fine of up to \$4,520,000. He will be sentenced at a later date before United States District Judge Jack T. Camp.

This case was investigated by the Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Assistant United States Attorneys Angela M. Jordan and Todd C. Alley prosecuted the case.

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