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FORMER POLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING STOLEN FIREARMS

Rome, GA - BARRY WALLACE, 40, of Cedartown, Georgia pleaded guilty today in federal district court to stealing firearms while employed as a Captain by the Polk County Police Department.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "This defendant used his position as captain in charge of his police department's evidence room to steal guns from the evidence room that he either kept for himself or gave away to others. By doing so he not only breached the public's trust, his actions posed a danger to the community. He will soon be headed where he belongs—a federal prison. We remain committed to rooting out public corruption, particularly within law enforcement, where so many other officers work bravely and honestly every day."

According to Nahmias and information presented in court: From in or about April 2003 through April 2007, WALLACE knowingly received, possessed, concealed, stored and disposed of seven firearms that he knew were stolen. WALLACE was demoted from Captain to Sergeant and then resigned from the police department approximately six months ago.

WALLACE was indicted in December 2007. He pleaded guilty today to four counts of receiving and possessing stolen firearms. He could receive a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1,000,000. In determining the actual sentence, the Court will consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines, which are not binding but provide appropriate sentencing ranges for most offenders. Sentencing for WALLACE is set for May 23, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. before United States District Judge Harold L. Murphy.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Glenn D. Baker is prosecuting the case,

represented in court today by Assistant United States Attorney Kim S. Dammers.

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