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DECATUR MAN SENTENCED FOR SELLING STOLEN FIREARMS

Atlanta, GA - AHMED DAWUD BRYANT, 32, of Decatur, Georgia, was sentenced today in federal district court by United States District Judge Thomas W. Thrash on charges of unlawful dealing in firearms and selling stolen firearms.

“The investigation and prosecution of this case put an end to a pipeline that placed high-end, stolen firearms into the illegal gun market,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “Today’s sentence demonstrates that this office, together with the agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will not sit by and allow our communities to be put at risk of violence perpetrated by those who would obtain illegal firearms.”

ATF Special Agent In Charge Vanessa McLemore said of the case, “To combat violent gun crime, you have to disarm the criminals; and the best way to do that is to cut off their source of supply. That’s the formula. Now our community has one less unlicensed, stolen firearms dealer among us.”

BRYANT was sentenced to 2 years in federal prison, the maximum sentence under the applicable federal guidelines, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: From May through July of 2006, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) utilized a confidential informant to purchase firearms from BRYANT, who is not a licensed firearms dealer. The ATF purchased a total of eleven firearms from BRYANT, including at least six that had been previously stolen. Several of the stolen firearms had come from a theft at “Gun Country Outdoors,” a gun store in LaGrange, Georgia, on June 20, 2006; and one of the stolen firearms had been taken from the personal vehicle of a United States Secret Service agent, while that agent’s vehicle was parked at Six Flags Over Georgia on July 7, 2006.

BRYANT was indicted on August 23, 2006, on six counts of unlawful dealing in firearms and selling stolen firearms, and pleaded guilty to all six counts.

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

Assistant United States Attorney Todd C. Alley prosecuted the case.

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