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PAIR OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR PRODUCERS PLEAD GUILTY

Gainesville, GA - BRETT JARRARD, 46, of Clayton, Georgia today pleaded guilty to six counts of unlawfully manufacturing and transferring distilled liquor and failing to pay taxes on such an operation and to one count of unlawful receipt of untaxed liquor. MAX MOSS, 70, also of Clayton, Georgia, today pleaded guilty to one count of unlawfully manufacturing and transferring distilled liquor and failing to pay taxes on the manufacturing operation.

“The unlawful manufacture and distribution of illegal, unregulated, and potent mash liquor is still being prosecuted because of the serious health risks associated with moonshine,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “Most of us thought that moonshine was part of a bygone era, however, this investigation shows that the era is not yet over. Because members of the public who consume this liquor are exposed to dangerously high levels of lead we will continue to prosecute those who manufacture moonshine. The guilty pleas entered today by Mr. Jarrard and Mr. Moss confirms this office’s and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives’ continued stand against the unlawful production of liquor and the tax evasion that comes with it.”

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the charges and other information presented in court: JARRARD and MOSS were indicted by a federal grand jury on July 24, 2007, on charges of unlawfully manufacturing, possessing, transporting, and transferring liquor (“moonshine”), and related tax evasion charges. JARRARD and MOSS operated a still on United States government property in the Chattahoochee National Forrest area in Rabun County, in northeast Georgia, during 2005 and 2006. The men produced “mash” and, after a period of fermentation, distilled it (using a “still”) into a clear, and highly potent liquor, known as “moonshine.” The moonshine was bottled and crated, then sold to other individuals in the area. The still operation was not authorized by the Treasury Department, nor were taxes ever paid on the manufacture, bottling, or sale of the moonshine.

Two other defendants charged in the scheme, TERRY SINGLETON, 66, of Clayton, Georgia, and KELLY STANDRIDGE, 65, of Westminster, South Carolina, await trial. No trial date has yet been set.

JARRARD faces a maximum sentence of 35 years in federal prison. MOSS faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in federal prison. In addition to the prison time, the charges on both men carry potential fines of up to \$10,000.00 per count plus back taxes, penalties, and interest on the taxes. A sentencing date for JARRARD and MOSS has not yet been set.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the United States Forestry Service, and the Georgia Department of Revenue.

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

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