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FORMER POLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING STOLEN FIREARMS

Rome, GA - BARRY WALLACE, 41, of Cedartown, Georgia, was sentenced today to one year, one month in federal prison by United States District Judge Harold L. Murphy for stealing firearms while employed as a captain by the Polk County Police Department.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "Wallace used his position as captain in charge of the evidence room to circumvent the process for legally disposing of seized firearms and chose instead to steal guns from the evidence room that he either kept for himself or gave away to others. This former officer breached the public's trust and created a danger to the community. We will continue to hold public servants, especially those officials who have sworn to enforce the law, to the highest standard."

WALLACE was sentenced to one year, one month in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a fine of \$3,000. WALLACE was convicted of the charges on March 12, 2008, when he pleaded guilty to four counts of receiving and possessing stolen firearms

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 resigned from the police department approximately nine months ago, shortly after being first interviewed by federal agents.

This case was 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 prosecuted the case.

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