



Department of Justice

United States Attorney David L. Huber
Western District of Kentucky

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009
WWW.USDOJ.GOV/USAO/KYW

CONTACT: DAWN MASDEN
PHONE: (502) 582-5911
FAX: (502) 582-5097

**NEW YORK MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING AND TRANSFERRING
UNREGISTERED FIREARMS, USING FIREARM IN A CRIME OF VIOLENCE**

- Admits possessing and transferring silencers while armed with a Glock pistol

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Tariq Kabir**, age 24, of 166 Dahill Road, Brooklyn, New York, pled guilty to knowingly possessing and transferring unregistered firearms, namely silencers which were not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record and which were not identified by a serial number as required by federal law. Kabir also admitted that he used and carried a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, that is, the transfer of the unregistered silencers, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Kabir admitted that in May, 2007, he began negotiating the sale of firearm silencers to an individual in Louisville, Kentucky who, unbeknownst to Kabir, was an ATF Confidential Informant ("CI"). As a result of these negotiations, on or about June 14, 2007 Kabir transferred one firearm silencer to the CI via FedEx. Later, Kabir recruited Abunaser Khaled ("Khaled") to assist him (Kabir) in driving from New York to Kentucky to deliver nine other silencers. Beginning in the early morning hours of July 25, 2007, Kabir and Khaled drove from New York City with nine silencers concealed in Kabir's automobile to trade for firearms. On July 25, 2007, Kabir and Khaled delivered the nine suspected silencers to an undercover ATF Special Agent

("SA") in exchange for firearms in Louisville, Kentucky. During the transaction, Kabir was armed with a Glock pistol that he brought with him from New York and which he used and carried during the transfer of the firearm silencers. Kabir and Khaled were arrested after they took possession of fifteen other Glock pistols in exchange for the nine silencers. Kabir had also admitted sending another silencer from New York to Louisville via FedEx. Neither defendant had registered the silencers pursuant to the National Firearms Act ("NFA"). Also, none of the silencers transferred by the Defendant were identified by a serial number as required by federal law.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$1,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years; and the minimum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Charles R. Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Khaled and Kabir are scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Simpson on March 26, 2009, at 3:30 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

###