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**TWO NEW YORK MEN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING
AND TRANSFERRING UNREGISTERED FIREARMS
AND USING A FIREARM IN A CRIME OF VIOLENCE**

- Pair possessed and transferred illegal silencers while one was armed with a Glock pistol

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Tariq Kabir**, age 25, of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced to 9 years' and 9 months' imprisonment, and **Abu Naser Khaled**, age 21, of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possessing and transferring illegal firearm silencers. Kabir was also sentenced for using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, that is, the transfer of the unregistered silencers, Acting U.S. Attorney Candace G. Hill of 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. Charles R. Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Kabir to 3 years' supervised release following incarceration, and sentenced Khaled to 2 years' supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Kabir and Khaled had plead guilty to bringing nine illegal, unregistered firearm silencers from New York to Louisville to trade for firearms to take back to New York City. Kabir also pled guilty to using and carrying a Glock 9millimeter semi-automatic pistol during the offense.

Both men admitted that beginning in May, 2007, an ATF Confidential Informant residing in Louisville negotiated with Kabir, a New York resident, for the purchase of a number of

firearm silencers. In June, Kabir sent a silencer via FedEx from New York to the ATF Confidential Informant in Louisville. Kabir then recruited Khaled to assist him (Kabir) in driving from New York to Kentucky to deliver the shipment of nine silencers.

Beginning in the early morning hours of July 25, 2007, Kabir and Khaled drove from New York City with the 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 in exchange for fifteen firearms in Louisville, Kentucky. Kabir had a Glock 9 millimeter semiautomatic pistol with him for protection. During the transaction, Kabir and Khaled lifted up the back seat of Kabir's vehicle to show the silencers to the undercover ATF Special Agent. As the transaction was concluding, Khaled carried the fifteen firearms from the undercover ATF Special Agent's vehicle to Kabir's vehicle at Kabir's request. Kabir and Khaled were arrested after they took possession of the fifteen firearms in exchange for the nine silencers.

After being advised of his Miranda rights, Khaled stated that he accompanied Kabir to Louisville, Kentucky, from New York City to deliver the silencers. Khaled stated that Kabir recruited him to make the trip on or about Sunday, July 22, 2007. During the early morning hours of July 25, 2007, he saw Kabir with the silencers and was told by Kabir that he (Kabir) had placed the silencers under the back seat of Kabir's vehicle. Khaled said that he and Kabir left New York City for Louisville, Kentucky at approximately 3:00 a.m. on July 25, 2007. Khaled stated that he knew that the silencers would be sold but believed Kabir was to receive cash instead of firearms in exchange for the silencers.

After being advised of his Miranda rights, Kabir admitted sending the one silencer from New York to Louisville via FedEx and to bringing the other nine silencers to Louisville to transfer to the CI. Kabir stated that he brought the Glock firearm down to protect himself.

The case was 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.

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