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COVINA MAN SENTENCED FOR TWO GLENDORA FIREARMS THEFT

LOS ANGELES –Steven Duquette was sentenced to 51 months, 3 years supervised release, \$100.00 special assessment, \$3,176 restitution to Gunslingers Gun Store, and \$4,720 restitution to Buckhorn Gun Store, by U.S. District Court, Central District of California Judge Percy Anderson, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(u), theft from a federal firearms licensee (FFL).

Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres, of the Los Angeles Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is pleased with the sentence imposed on Duquette.

"The theft of firearms from a federally licensee dealer is a top priority for ATF. If there is one message that can be taken from this crime is that ATF and the federal government will dedicated all the resources needed to solve and prosecute the perpetrators."

On Nov. 3, 2006, the Buckhorn Gun Store at 1750 S. Grand Avenue was burglarized and seven firearms were stolen. On Nov. 25, seven firearms were stolen from Gunslingers Gun Store at 757 E. Arrow Highway, Suite K. Both burglaries were committed by cutting through the roof and gaining access to the business.

On Nov. 29, the El Monte Police Department conducted a traffic stop for a violation on a vehicle. A firearm from the Gunslingers' burglary was recovered from inside the vehicle. Additional evidence was recovered indicating that the passenger in the vehicle, Steven Duquette, a convicted felon, of Covina, had been in possession of four other firearms stolen from Gunslingers. Duquette and the vehicle driver, Valerie Frias of Whittier, were arrested for possession of stolen property.

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