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ATF ARRESTS ARKANSAS MAN FOR POSSESSING ILLEGAL GUNS

FORT SMITH, Ark. – Teams of special agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), assisted by other federal, state and local law enforcement officers, arrested a Fayetteville, Ark., man and executed 14 search warrants today in a law enforcement operation conducted throughout the Fort Smith-Fayetteville area.

Hollis W. Fincher was arrested at his residence, 16085 East Black Oak Road in Fayetteville, without incident after the execution of a federal search warrant there revealed illegal firearms in his possession.

The arrest and search warrants were the result of an eight-month investigation relating to the unlawful manufacture, possession and transfer of machine guns.

Thirteen additional federal search warrants were executed at different locations throughout the Fort Smith-Fayetteville area. The warrants are under seal at the direction of the U.S Attorney for the Western Judicial District of Arkansas. All evidence seized during the execution of the warrants will be submitted to the U.S Attorney's Office for the preparation of indictments in this investigation.

ATF, FBI, Washington County Sheriff's Department, Fayetteville Police Department, Springdale Police Department, Arkansas State Police, Arkansas State Bomb Squad and the Madison County Sheriff's Department all participated in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted under Project Safe Neighborhoods, the U.S. Department of Justice initiative that combines federal state and local resources to combat violent gun crime. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Arkansas will prosecute the case.

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