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NEVADA FUGITIVE SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS AFTER BEING CAUGHT HIDING OUT IN OATMAN, ARIZONA, WITH 19 PIPE BOMBS

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on January 6, 2003, Richard Lee Hall, D.O.B. June 29, 1953, of Oatman, Arizona, was sentenced to 84 months in prison and fined \$500.00 for Possession of an Unregistered Pipe Bomb, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d), by United States District Judge Robert C. Broomfield, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Hall previously entered a plea of guilty to the charge on October 28, 2002. In the course of his guilty plea, Hall admitted the following facts. Prior to June 14, 2000, Hall was a fugitive from justice in <u>State of Nevada v. Richard Lee Hall</u>, Case No. C145698, District Court, Clark County, Nevada, and over a period of time he knowingly took part in the manufacture of 19 pipe bombs. The pipe bombs were all approximately 1 inch in diameter and 6 inches in length. Hall stored the pipe bombs in a suitcase in his mobile home in Oatman, Arizona. On June 14, 2000, Hall was arrested in Oatman. After Hall's arrest, local law enforcement officers seized the pipe bombs.

Hall was in custody pending sentencing in federal court and was remanded by Judge Broomfield to the Federal Bureau of Prisons for service of his sentence.

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms with assistance from the Mohave County, Arizona, Sheriff's Office; Bullhead City, Arizona, Police Department; Arizona Department of Public Safety; Laughlin, Nevada, Metropolitan Police Department; Las Vegas, Nevada, Metropolitan Police Department; and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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