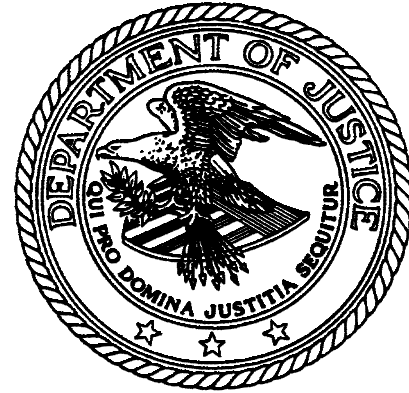


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FLORISSANT MAN IS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY MANUFACTURING AND DEALING IN ILLEGAL EXPLOSIVES

St. Louis, Missouri: A Florissant man was arrested yesterday after a two hour standoff, on charges of manufacturing and dealing in illegal explosive devices, United States Attorney James G. Martin announced today.

Carmody was arrested late Wednesday, November 3rd by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

MARC CHARLES CARMODY, 43, of the 2300 block of Birch Hill Drive, Florissant, Missouri, was arrested and charged with violating Title 18, U.S.C. Section 842(a)(1), manufacturing and dealing in explosive devices without a license, and violating Title 26, U.S.C. Section 5861(d), possession of a unregistered destructive device. He is expected to appear in federal court on Friday, November 5th for a preliminary hearing.

If convicted, these offenses each carry a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$10,000.

According to the affidavit filed with the complaint, in late October 2004, Carmody arranged to sell five thousand illegal explosive devices to an undercover officer for \$8000. On November 3, 2004, undercover law enforcement agents met Carmody at the K-Mart parking lot near I-270 and West Florissant Avenue and handed Carmody \$8000. In exchange, Carmody handed over the five thousand illegal explosive devices along with eight destructive devices. After the transaction was complete, an awaiting arrest team attempted to arrest Carmody. Upon seeing the arrest team,

Carmody fled into an adjacent wooded area. After a stand-off of two hours, Carmody was persuaded by authorities to surrender.

Carmody is not licensed by ATF to manufacture and sell explosives.

The charges set forth in a complaint are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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