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MAN SENTENCED FOR RUNNING GUNS FROM CHARLESTON TO N.Y.

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney REGINALD I.

LLOYD stated today that Kizshamaya Gables, age 30, of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced in federal court in Charleston for trafficking firearms and conspiring to make false statements to buy them. United States District Judge Michael Duffy sentenced Gables to the maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

In early 2006, Gables paid two individuals to go into several Charleston area pawnshops and purchase pistols. Because Gables had a prior felony conviction, he was unable to lawfully purchase any firearms or ammunition.

Gables' co-defendants purchased a total of 34 pistols, all of which Gables transported to New York and sold on the streets of Brooklyn.

Federal agents developed this case by targeting the suspected "straw purchasers", individuals who are paid to illegally purchase firearms on behalf of convicted felons or other prohibited persons who would not pass a background check. The questioning of Gables' straw purchasers led to his apprehension and prosecution.

The case was investigated by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Alston C. Badger of the Charleston office handled the case.

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