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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTING PIPE BOMBS & SAWED OFF SHOTGUN

NEWNAN, GA - JASON SOUTH, 27, of Newnan and Roswell, Georgia, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to one count of possession of a sawed-off shotgun and two counts of possession, manufacturing, and transferring pipe bombs.

“This defendant will soon be locked up and no longer a threat to public safety. The ATF agents who investigated this case should be commended for eliminating this threat,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias.

ATF Special Agent In Charge Vanessa McLemore said, “ATF stands at the front line in the effort to reduce violent crime and to safeguard our community from criminal acts involving dangerous weapons and explosives. Our agents further this mission by demonstrating their abilities to infiltrate the criminal element and apply our explosives expertise in such investigations.”

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: During an undercover investigation, SOUTH transferred a sawed-off shotgun to an ATF agent on August 3, 2005, from the defendant’s home in Newnan, Georgia. During the investigation, the defendant bragged about his ability to secure many types of weapons and his ability to build explosive devices. On August 11, 2005, agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, observed the defendant purchasing materials needed for the manufacture of three pipe bombs. SOUTH ultimately constructed the three pipe bombs and delivered them to undercover ATF agents.

SOUTH was indicted on the charges in February 2006, and pleaded guilty to all three counts in the indictment. SOUTH could receive a maximum sentence of 30 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$750,000.

Sentencing is scheduled for August 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., before United States District Judge Jack T. Camp.

This case is being investigated by the Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Assistant United States Attorney Angela M. Jordan is prosecuting the case.

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