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## **MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTING PIPE BOMBS & SAWED OFF SHOTGUN, METH CHARGE**

NEWNAN, GA - JASON SOUTH, 27, of Newnan and Roswell, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Jack T. Camp on charges of possession of a sawed-off shotgun; two counts of possession, manufacturing, and transferring pipe bombs; and distribution of methamphetamine.

“This defendant is being locked up for decades and is 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.”

SOUTH was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

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 at a local home improvement store. SOUTH ultimately constructed the three pipe bombs and delivered them to undercover ATF agents. SOUTH also sold approximately 25 grams of methamphetamine to the agents.

SOUTH was indicted on the charges in February 2006, and pleaded guilty to all

three counts in the indictment on May 26, 2006.

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

Assistant United States Attorney Angela M. Jordan prosecuted the case.

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