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**BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF FALSE ACQUISITION
OF FIREARMS AND TRANSPORTATION OF
FIREARMS IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE**

– 10 handguns for Latin Kings drug trafficking in Cicero, Illinois

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), jointly announced today that on February 8, 2007, **SIGIFREDO GUTIERREZ**, age 21, of 293 Vista Drive, Bolingbrook, Illinois, was **found guilty** by a federal jury in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, of false statements in the acquisition of firearms and of interstate transportation of firearms.

On November 27, 2004, a female Kentucky resident purchased ten firearms from Uncle Lee's gun store (a.k.a. Fauntleroy Supply Inc.). In making the purchase, she filled out four different ATF Form 4473's. On each form, she falsely stated that she was the actual buyer of the firearms. In fact, she was purchasing the firearms on behalf of another person.

ATF agents identified Sigifredo Gutierrez as a suspect and on December 9, 2004, Gutierrez gave a detailed confession to three ATF officers at the ATF office in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Though not a gang member himself, Gutierrez had some friends who were members of the Latin Kings, including individuals named "Spotty" and "Joser." In November, 2004, after hearing that Gutierrez was going to Kentucky, Joser asked Gutierrez to pick up some guns for the gang. Gutierrez took \$1,400 and agreed to pick up the guns.

On the drive back up, Gutierrez phoned Joser to arrange delivery, agreeing to put the guns by a garbage can in the park. As Gutierrez drove away from the park, he saw a van with several people in it pull up by the garbage can. Gutierrez stated that he knew the guns were for the Latin Kings and that "[t]hey use the guns to protect their drug spots. Anything they do with those guns is on them, as I did not keep the guns. The Latin Kings in Cicero sell rock cocaine and hydro."

The firearms involved are as follows:

1. Hi-Point Pistol, Model CF, .380 Caliber, serial number P805593
2. Hi-Point Pistol, Model CF, .380 Caliber, serial number P805586
3. Hi-Point Pistol, Model CF, .380 Caliber, serial number P805597
4. Hi-Point Pistol, Model CF, .380 Caliber, serial number P805583
5. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1219246
6. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1219240
7. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1219244
8. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1216472
9. Hi-Point Pistol, Model C, 9mm, serial number P1216377
10. Haskell Pistol, Model JHP45, .45 Caliber, serial number X422757

The jury's verdict of guilty was returned following a two-day day trial before Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court.

The maximum potential penalties for each count are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison Sewell and was

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investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Greenville Police Department.

Gutierrez is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on May 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Owensboro, Kentucky.

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