

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **THE LAST OF SEVEN MEN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATIONS PLEADS GUILTY**

*More than 1000 firearms have been forfeited.*

St. Louis, Missouri: The last defendant out of seven charged on federal firearms violations arising from a federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) undercover operation in Knox County, Missouri has pled guilty, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today. These individuals were dealing firearms without licenses or for failing to record firearms sales, out of what is known as the Rutledge, Missouri Flea Market.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Jeffrey Fulton stated, "Since these arrests, ATF continues its efforts to educate the public on federal firearms laws by holding a town hall meeting in Knox County and by providing an informational booth at the Rutledge flea market." ASAC Fulton further stated that these outreach programs will hopefully alleviate the need for future enforcement efforts in this area and encourages the public to contact ATF with any questions or concerns about the lawfulness of firearms sales.

As part of the investigation, a series of federal search warrants in Southern Iowa and the Eastern District of Missouri were executed resulting in the seizure of over 1000 weapons.

Additionally, as part of the plea agreements, the defendants will repay the "buy" money to ATF, that the undercover agents used to purchase the guns.

Daniel Brashers, Ferguson, Missouri, pled guilty today, to dealing in firearms without a federal firearms license before United States District Catherine D. Perry. Sentencing for Brashers has been set for August 3, 2007, in St. Louis.

Six other individuals previously pled guilty to related charges, three have been sentenced, two await sentencing:

James Milburn, Powersville, Missouri, pled guilty, scheduled for sentencing June 8;  
Vaughn Fogle, Memphis, Missouri, sentenced to five months home confinement and \$2000 fine;  
Ivan Lemley, West Point, Iowa, the only licensed firearms dealer, six months home confinement, \$2000 fine, and he forfeited his firearms license;  
Ronald Harvey, New London, Missouri, was sentenced to 13 months prison;  
Donald Webb, Creston, Iowa, five months prison; and  
Larry McCracken, Ewing, Missouri, was sentenced to one year and one day in prison.

This investigation began with complaints of this illegal activity by local law enforcement and, in particular, the Missouri State Highway Patrol who assisted ATF in the investigation.