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ALABAMA FREE MILITIA COLONEL PLEADS GUILTY TO MACHINE GUN CHARGE

Alice H. Martin, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama and James M. Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, announce that WILLIAM HUDSON, of Birmingham, Alabama pled guilty today to a federal indictment on a charge of making a machine gun in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 5861(f).

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michael Whisonant, HUDSON made a machine gun for Bonnell Hughes, another Militia member. The machine gun was found during a search of Hughes' residence for explosives in April. HUDSON made the machine gun from parts furnished to him by Hughes, Whisonant said.

HUDSON could receive a maximum of ten (10) years in prison and a fine of up to \$ 250,000. Sentencing is scheduled for February 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., before United States District Judge Karon O. Bowdre.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the ATF and investigators with the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office.

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