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Centreville Man Sentenced to 40 Months in Prison on Federal Weapons Charges

(Alexandria, Virginia) – Brian Harold Kennedy, age 50, of Centreville, Virginia, was sentenced today to 40 months in federal prison followed by three years supervised release for making a false statement to a licensed firearms dealer in connection with the purchase of an AK-47 assault rifle and for the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by a user of marijuana. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Edgar A. Domenech, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Washington Field Office; and, Colonel David M. Rohrer, Chief of Police, Fairfax County Police Department, made the announcement after Kennedy was sentenced by United States District Judge James C. Cacheris.

Kennedy was indicted in April 2007 by a federal grand jury, and pled guilty on August 7, 2007, to making a false statement to a licensed firearms dealer in connection with the purchase of an AK-47 assault rifle and to the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by a user of marijuana.

In a statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, Kennedy admitted to having used marijuana for the past ten years and to having unlawfully possessed on May 8, 2006, twenty firearms and approximately 2500 rounds of ammunition at his Centreville, Virginia, home. Brian Kennedy acknowledged using and storing marijuana at his home as well as using marijuana at his home with his son, Michael Kennedy, and his son's friends.

On May 8, 2006, Michael Kennedy shot two Fairfax County Police Officers at the Sully District Station in Centreville. Detective Vicki Armel was killed at the station; Master Police Officer Michael Garbarino died nine days later at Fairfax County Hospital.

United States Attorney Rosenberg said, "Mr. Kennedy failed his son and failed our community and, as a result, two courageous police officers are dead. The consequences of his failures could not be more tragic."

"I am sincerely grateful to Chuck Rosenberg, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and his office and to the Washington Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms, and Explosives, for their determined efforts in investigating and prosecuting Mr. Kennedy, and holding him accountable for his actions,” stated Fairfax County Police Chief Rohrer. “The dedication and determination of all are commendable, and I particularly appreciate the respect they demonstrated in remembrance of Vicky and Mike and for the Armel and Garbarino families throughout this investigation and prosecution.”

“We in ATF know all too well the grief and sense of loss that occurs when one of our own makes the ultimate sacrifice in protecting the public. While we can’t bring these officers back we can remember the good that they did during their lives,” said ATF Special Agent in Charge Edgar Domenech.

This case was investigated by the ATF and the Fairfax County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Jim Trump and Dennis Fitzpatrick are prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

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