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ARRESTS MADE IN COLLINSVILLE GUN STORE ARMED ROBBERY

ROANOKE, Va., — The arrest of two Maryland men for robbing a Collinsville, Va., gun store was announced today by U.S. Attorney John Brownlee, Western District of Virginia; Henry County Sheriff Lane Perry and Special Agent in Charge Edgar A. Domenech, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Washington Field Division.

Ronald Ganeous, 22, of Bladensburg, Md., and Timothy Jackson Jr., 23, of Upper Marlboro, Md., were arrested Dec. 4, in Prince Georges County, Md., by ATF agents from the VIPER task force and the Baltimore Field Division, along with detectives from the Henry County Sheriff's Department, Martinsville, Va., and Prince Georges County, Md., Police Departments. Ganeous and Jackson were charged with violating the Hobbs Act (the armed robbery of the gun store) and violations of the federal firearms laws.

Perry said, "Agencies working together took a difficult case and made it progress through to an arrest. I am thankful for everyone who helped and cooperated. I also appreciate the citizen involvement, which resulted in many leads being called in."

"The arrests in this case were the result of the good old fashioned police work that was done by the Henry County Sheriff's Department, Martinsville Police Department, and ATF agents from Roanoke and Hyattsville, Md. This was truly a great example of what happens when law enforcement works as a team," Domenech said.

The armed robbery of Southern Gun Store, located at 4277 Virginia Ave., in Collinsville, occurred Nov. 13. Approximately one week later police in Prince Georges County recovered one of the handguns taken during the robbery. ATF agents and investigators from Virginia traveled to Maryland and worked with ATF agents from the Baltimore Field Division to follow-up on investigative leads. As a result of the intensive work done by investigators, seven firearms were recovered and Ganeous and Jackson were developed as suspects, which ultimately led to their arrest. Both subjects

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appeared in federal court in Greenbelt, Md., Dec. 5 for their initial appearance, and will be transferred to federal custody in the Western District of Virginia for further court proceedings.

This investigation was conducted by members of the ATF-led VIPER task force, the Henry County Sheriff's Department, Martinsville Police Department, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, Henry County/Martinsville 9-1-1 Center, Prince Georges County, Md., Police Department and ATF agents from Roanoke and Hyattsville.

Members of the public are reminded that a complaint only contains charges. Defendants are presumed innocent of the charges, and it will be the government's burden to prove at trial a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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