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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **“ARREST OF SUSPECT IN BULK FIREARM THEFT”**

Spokane – Today, James A. McDevitt, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, announced that a federal grand jury returned a three count indictment against Thomas Patrick Boam, age 34, a resident of Spokane. Thomas Patrick Boam was charged with stealing fourteen firearms from the Sportsman’s Warehouse, located at 14014 E. Indiana, Avenue, Spokane Valley, Washington.

The Indictment charges Thomas Patrick Boam with stealing the firearms during the March 25, 2008, burglary of the Sportsman’s Warehouse. Additionally, Thomas Patrick Boam was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and possessing a stolen firearm. Thomas Patrick Boam was arrested on April 12, 2008, after a surveillance video photograph was circulated. He has been detained since then. Only one stolen firearm has been recovered. The other thirteen firearms are described as:

Ruger, model P944, 40 S&W caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 341-56466;

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Ruger, model KP944, 40 S&W caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 341-54910;

Taurus, model Mil Pro, 40 S&W caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number AO39666;

Smith & Wesson, model Sigma, 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number BE6089;

Magnum Research, model Baby Eagle, 9 mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 36303239;

Magnum Research Baby, model Desert Eagle, 40 S&W caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 36325160;

Magnum Research, model Baby Desert Eagle, 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 34313240;  
Magnum Research, model Baby Eagle Compact Poly, 9 mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 36310326;  
Magnum Research, model Baby Eagle Full Size, 40 S&W caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 36316627;  
Magnum Research, model Baby Desert Eagle Compact, 9 mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 20303371;  
Magnum Research, model Baby Desert Eagle Full Size, 9 mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 36316487; and  
Kahr, model P45, 45 ACP caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number SA7123.

If anyone has any information concerning the whereabouts of the above listed firearms, please call the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at (509) 324-7866.

Each of the three charges carry a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, up to 3 years of court supervision after release and restitution.

This investigation was conducted by the Spokane Valley Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Spokane Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Joseph Harrington, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington.

An Indictment Contains Allegations That a Defendant Has Committed a Crime. Every Defendant Is Presumed Innocent until and Unless Proven Guilty Beyond a Reasonable Doubt.

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