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**FORMER MADISONVILLE POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY  
TO STEALING 85 FIREARMS FROM THE EVIDENCE LOCKER**

*-Joint Investigation by ATF and Kentucky State Police*

OWENSBORO, KY - Brian McKinney, age 37, of 614 North Allen Street, Farmington, New Mexico, formerly of Madisonville, Kentucky, pled guilty to stealing firearms which had been transported in interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(l), U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

McKinney admitted that between May 1, 2005, and January 18, 2007, while employed as a police officer and evidence custodian with the Madisonville Police Department, he stole 85 firearms from the evidence locker and sold them to local gun dealers. He was immediately suspended from duty when an audit revealed the missing firearms, and is no longer employed by the police department. The value of the firearms has not been determined with precision, but an appraisal will be completed before McKinney is sentenced.

U.S. Attorney Huber credited the quick action by City officials when they became aware that an audit was required. KSP and ATF were immediately brought in to perform an audit.

The maximum potential penalties are ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of not more than three years. There are no mandatory minimum

penalties.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Kentucky State Police and the Madisonville Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Judge Joseph H. McKinley Jr., United States District Court.

Judge McKinley has ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing should be scheduled in approximately eight to ten weeks.

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