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**FORMER FIREARMS DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO FAILURE
TO DO BACKGROUND CHECKS ON FIREARMS PURCHASERS**

LOUISVILLE, KY - Steven W. Fox, age 55, of 2934 Zoneton Road, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, in Bullitt County, pled guilty to two misdemeanor violations of transferring a firearms (by a licensed firearm dealer) to persons before completion of a National Instant Criminal Background check on the persons, 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

Fox, then a licensed Federal Firearms Dealer, admitted that on June 7 and June 8, 2003, at National Gun Day, at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, Kentucky, that he knowingly sold a Ruger .32 caliber pistol and a Firestorm .45 caliber pistol to two different individuals without first completing criminal background checks on them.

The maximum potential penalties are 2 years imprisonment, a \$200,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 1 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randy Ream, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The plea was entered before Dave Whalin, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Fox is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Whalin on November 17, 2008, at 2:30

p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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