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**PRESS RELEASE**

**LYNN MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGALLY TRANSPORTING  
FIREARMS FROM ALABAMA TO MASSACHUSETTS**

Boston, MA... A Lynn man was charged late yesterday in federal court with illegally transporting five firearms from Alabama to Massachusetts.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; William J. Hoover, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in New England; Kathleen O'Toole, Commissioner of the Boston Police Department; Robert St. Pierre, Chief of the Salem Police Department; and John Suslak, Chief of the Lynn Police Department, announced that **DEXTER BROWN**, age 36, of 65 Timson Street, Lynn, Massachusetts, and formerly of 51 Greenwood Street, Peabody, Massachusetts, was charged in a two-count indictment with illegally transporting five firearms from Alabama to Massachusetts.

According to the Indictment and other documents previously filed with the Court, **BROWN** allegedly traveled to Alabama and obtained three of the firearms from his aunt, who, at **BROWN**'s request, purchased the firearms on July 15, 2002, from a federally licensed firearms dealer in Demopolis, Alabama. Approximately one month later, **BROWN** allegedly traveled back to Alabama for the purpose of obtaining additional firearms. On August 12, 2002, **BROWN** allegedly had his cousin purchase two more firearms for him from the same firearms dealer in Alabama. It is alleged that in both instances, **BROWN** provided the funds to purchase the firearms, and at the time of the purchases, **BROWN** was a resident of Peabody, Massachusetts. It is alleged that after taking possession of the firearms, **BROWN** returned to Massachusetts with the weapons.

It is alleged that one of the firearms purchased by **BROWN**'s aunt, a Bryco, model J25, .25 caliber pistol, was recovered on August 22, 2002, by Boston Police following a shooting incident. A second firearm, allegedly purchased by **BROWN**'s cousin, a Bryco Arms, model 38, .380 caliber pistol, was recovered on January 13, 2003, by Boston and Lynn Police following a shooting incident also in Boston. On July 23, 2003, a third firearm allegedly purchased by **BROWN**'s aunt, a Bryco Arms, model 38, .380 caliber pistol was recovered by a New York City Police detective in a vehicle occupied by three Boston men. The remaining two firearms have

yet to be recovered.

Finally, it is alleged that at the time **BROWN** transported the firearms from Alabama to the Massachusetts, he was not a licensed firearms importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector.

**BROWN** was arrested in connection with these charges on June 3, 2004 and appeared the following day before U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles B. Swartwood, III. **BROWN** was released from federal custody on a \$10,000 unsecured bond and placed on a 9:00 p.m. curfew. If convicted on these charges, **BROWN** faces up to 5 years' imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine on each count of transporting firearms from outside the State into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with the assistance of the Boston, Salem and Lynn Police Departments. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Antoinette E.M. Leoney in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

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