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**THREE MEN IN HOPKINSVILLE CHARGED WITH  
ILLEGALLY IMPORTING MACHINE GUNS FROM IRAQ**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Paducah **returned an Indictment** charging **GUY ANTHONY BROWN**, age 46, of 801 East First Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, **NIGEL BROWN**, age 31, of 717 Dupuy Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and **BEAU URAN**, age 24, of 885 Gordon Place, Clarksville, Tennessee, with conspiring to import machine guns from Iraq and aiding and abetting the possession of a machine gun.

The Indictment alleges that between 2003 and May 2004, **BEAU URAN**, **NIGEL BROWN** and **GUY BROWN** conspired to unlawfully import into the United States eighteen machine guns from Iraq. **BEAU URAN** and **NIGEL BROWN** are soldiers in the U.S. Army and were deployed to Iraq in 2003. While in Iraq, they acquired the foreign machine guns, cut the bottoms off empty oxygen tanks, placed the machine guns inside the empty tanks and then welded the bottoms back on. **BEAU URAN** and **NIGEL BROWN** sealed the oxygen tanks in a container being shipped to Fort

Campbell. When **BEAU URAN** and **NIGEL BROWN** returned from Iraq, they retrieved the oxygen tanks from Fort Campbell and loaded them into a truck being driven by **NIGEL BROWN**.

**NIGEL BROWN** then asked **GUY BROWN**, his relative, to sell the guns for him. On May 21, 2004, **GUY BROWN** sold one of the machine guns to an undercover agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for \$1,000.00. **GUY BROWN** told the undercover ATF agent that he had eighteen machine guns for sale. On May 26, 2004, the undercover ATF agent bought the remaining machine guns for \$17,000.00. Following the sale, **GUY BROWN** was detained.

All three men are also charged with aiding and abetting the possession of a machine gun.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000.00 fine, and supervised release for a period of not more than three years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division, Warren County Sheriff's Department/Drug Task Force, Pennyryle Narcotics Task Force and Hopkinsville Police Department.

All three men are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on May 3rd, at 1:30 p.m., in Paducah, Kentucky.

The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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