

DOWNERS GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

POLICE MAKE WEAPONS ARREST

DOWNERS GROVE, IL, August 8, 2005 – Downers Grove Police Chief Robert Porter in conjunction with Special Agent in Charge Andrew Traver of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announce the arrest of 45- year old Christopher M. Verri of 1032 62nd Place, Downers Grove.

The FBI alerted police that Verri was wanted out of the state of Ohio, for “Unlawful Flight to Avoid Apprehension” and “Possession of Stolen Property and Criminal Tools.” On August 5, 2005, Downers Grove Police Officers located Verri and placed him under arrest for the outstanding arrest warrants. Officers subsequently executed a search warrant at 1032 62nd Place where Verri was residing. Officers discovered during the search 23 handguns; some have been identified as stolen from burglaries in other states, and one AK47 assault rifle.

Upon approval through the DuPage County State Attorney’s office, Verri was charged with the following:

Unlawful Possession of Weapons by Felons

Possession of Firearm without Requisite FOID Card

Possession of a Stolen Firearm

Aggravated Possession of a Stolen Firearm

Other Federal charges are pending.

Verri is currently confined at the DuPage County Jail with a \$500,000 bond.

Downers Grove Police Chief Robert Porter said the arrest is an example of what can occur when multiple law enforcement organizations work together.

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