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THREE ARRESTED ON FEDERAL EXPLOSIVES CHARGES

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Arrested were:

1. Daniel J. Bancroft, 43, of Sidney, Ohio. Daniel Bancroft is charged with illegally possessing and transferring explosives, as well as conspiring to transfer explosives.
2. Robert Bancroft, 41, of Williamstown, Ky. Robert Bancroft is charged with the same offenses as Daniel Bancroft (his brother).
3. Paul Zahn, 44, of Bainbridge, Ohio. Zahn is charged with conspiring to possess and transfer explosives.

Search warrants were executed as follows:

1. 313 N. Walnut Ave., Sidney, Ohio (Daniel Bancroft's home)
2. 2761 Tong Hollow Rd., Bainbridge, Ohio
3. 127 High Street, Williamstown, Ky. (Robert Bancroft' home)
4. 1994 Dodge Dakota truck (owned by Daniel Bancroft)

5. 1992 Chevrolet S-10 truck (owned by Zahn).

A federal complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky alleges that on two separate occasions during February 2010 the Bancrofts sold a total of 12 blocks of military C4 explosives at a location in Walton, Ky. Zahn is alleged to have conspired with the Bancrofts to obtain and deliver the explosives.

All three were arrested without incident between 6 and 7 a.m., April 13. All three will receive an initial appearance before a U.S. Magistrate Judge at Covington. The U.S. Magistrate will determine whether they will be detained pending further judicial proceedings.

The following state and local law enforcement agencies assisted in today's operations: Sidney, Ohio PD; Ross County, Ohio Sheriff's Office; Columbus Division of Fire Bomb Squad; Dayton Police Department Bomb Squad; Williamstown, Kentucky PD; Kentucky State Police; and Boone County, Kentucky Sheriff's Office.

A complaint is merely an allegation of criminal conduct. All individuals are presumed innocent until convicted.

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