

PRESS RELEASE FORM

Defendant: Brooks Kinder

Charges: Armed Burglary of a Structure, Attempted Armed Burglary of a Structure, Shooting at or Throwing a Deadly Missile at, Within, or Into a Building x2

Dates of Crimes: 07/23/2018, 07/27/2018

Investigating Agencies: The Manatee County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Date of Plea: 6/28/2019

Maximum Potential Sentence: Life

Minimum Mandatory Apply (if so what): 20 years

Seeking any Sentencing Enhancement: None

Sentence or Sentencing Date: 8/8/2019, 20 years minimum mandatory in the Department of Corrections.

Any Interesting Facts or Circumstances: This defendant discharged two different firearms approximately ten times; discharging a shotgun into one business several times on July 23, 2018, and discharging a pistol into another business several times on July 27, 2018. This defendant by his own admission fired a shotgun several times in order to break the door to enter a Palmetto pawn shop with two other co-defendants to steal 27 handguns and rifles. The defendant and co-defendants then sold the firearms to a known drug dealer in St. Petersburg. Subsequent to this incident, the defendant attempted to break into another pawn shop by shooting his pistol several times at the front and back doors. He and his co-defendants were unsuccessful in obtaining entry to that second business.

Assistant States Attorney: Courtney Hollen

ASA Quote: “I want to commend the efforts of Detective Cyril Niklinski and Special Agent Yannick Deslauries who together pursued this case and identified Brooks Kinder as the person who discharged two firearms into these businesses. The residents of Manatee County are safer today because of their efforts,” said Assistant State Attorney Courtney Hollen.

Law Enforcement Quote: "This sentencing represents ATF's expertise in firearms investigations and is an example of how our law enforcement partnerships reduce violent crime," said ATF Special Agent in Charge Daryl McCrary.