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**18 ARRESTED IN ROCKFORD ON FEDERAL AND STATE
GUN TRAFFICKING, DRUG DEALING, AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; PAUL LOGLI, Winnebago County State’s Attorney; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and STEVEN PUGH, Rockford Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

Today federal and local law enforcement officers arrested 18 Rockford residents on federal and state gun trafficking, drug dealing, and other firearms charges arising from a year-long Project Safe Neighborhoods investigation. Four other Rockford men were previously in custody on unrelated charges. Eleven men were arrested on charges contained in 13 federal indictments. The federal indictments were returned by a grand jury on March 15, 2005, and unsealed this morning. In addition to the federal charges, four men, two women, and a juvenile were arrested this morning pursuant to the filing of 10 complaints in state court today.

The 13 federal indictments charge a total 74 guns were illegally sold and 11 sales of crack cocaine, while the state complaints charge ten individuals with firearms related offenses and one additionally with a violation of the Controlled Substances Act. In total, the investigation led to the recovery of 99 firearms, including numerous sawed-off shotguns and guns with an obliterated serial number.

The charges announced today were the result of a cooperative effort of the law enforcement agencies named above in furtherance of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative announced in Rockford in July 2002. Project Safe Neighborhoods is an intensive, cooperative effort between local, state, and federal law enforcement to attack gun crimes. The cornerstone of the program is that every gun violation will be reviewed for possible federal prosecution in order to obtain the harshest penalties for the worst offenders. Additional information about Project Safe Neighborhoods may be found at www.psn.gov.

"These cases have made a significant impact on removing a stockpile of illegal guns from the hands of convicted felons and other alleged criminals in Rockford and Winnebago County," Mr. Fitzgerald said. "Together with our Project Safe Neighborhoods partners in state and federal law enforcement, we will continue to devote resources to this program to protect the citizens of our communities from the violence associated with illegal guns."

Mr. Traver stated, "The work done by the men and women of ATF, Rockford Police Department and the Winnebago Sheriff's Department has resulted in the interception /recovery of numerous (99) firearms otherwise destined for criminals. This is one example of the continued effort to identify, investigate, and bring to justice illegal firearms traffickers who fuel gun violence in our streets."

The federal defendants charged in the indictments are:

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50016

DERRICK BROWN, 23 (DOB: 9/13/81), 1217 Seminary Street, Rockford, **JOE T. DAKER**, 26 (DOB: 11/18/78), 1128 Blaisdale, Rockford, and **ALEX EZIDORE**, also known as "Stank," 22 (DOB: 4/20/82), 1117 Elm Street, Rockford, were all charged with one count of selling firearms without a license, including three sawed-off shotguns (two with an obliterated serial number). Brown was also charged with six counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, five counts of selling firearms to a convicted felon, and two counts of possessing an unregistered firearm. Daker was also charged with five counts of possession of a firearm after a domestic violence conviction; six counts of selling firearms to a convicted felon; and two counts of possessing an unregistered firearm. Ezidore was also charged with three counts of possessing an unregistered firearm.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50017

DANIEL C. DUNN, 22 (DOB: 9/9/82), 4664 Jade Parkway, Rockford, and **JOSEPH E. McQUALITY**, 26 (DOB: 3/3/79), Rockford, were each charged with one count of selling firearms without a license, including a sawed-off shotgun and a sawed-off rifle (with an obliterated serial number). Dunn was also charged with one count of selling firearms to a convicted felon, and one count of possessing an unregistered firearm. McQuality was also charged with one count of selling firearms without a license, five counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and one count of possessing an unregistered firearm.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50018

DANIEL C. DUNN was charged in a second indictment, along with **REGINALD D. PURVIS**, also known as "Reggie," 31 (DOB: 9/3/73), 3012 Arcadia Terrace, Rockford, with conspiring to distribute crack cocaine. Both Dunn and Purvis were also charged with three counts of distributing crack cocaine.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50019

ZALDELIACCA KING, also known as "Deli," 24 (DOB: 7/16/80), 2307 Lucille Street, Rockford, was charged with three counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and one count of distributing crack cocaine.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50020

RICKY HAMILTON, 49 (DOB: 10/01/55), 1335 Clover Avenue, Rockford, and **WILLIAM W. FARMER**, 67 (DOB: 11/13/37), 4710 20th Street, Rockford, were each charged with being felons in possession of firearms. Hamilton was also charged with one count of selling firearms without a license, including a sawed-off shotgun, four counts of selling firearms to a convicted felon, and one count of possessing an unregistered firearm.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50021

JOHN L. WEATHERBY, 37 (DOB: 10/04/67), 119 S. Day, Rockford, was charged with two counts of distributing crack cocaine, and one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50022

SEAN D. BURKS, 19 (DOB: 01/21/86), 807 Houghton, Rockford, was charged with one count of selling firearms without a license, six counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and one count of possessing an unregistered firearm.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50023

GREGORY T. PERRY, also known as "Big G," 36 (DOB: 06/16/68), 2108 Dresden, Rockford, and **CHARLES H. BROWN**, 51 (DOB: 11/17/53), 1708 - 18th Avenue, Rockford, were both charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, and two counts of distributing crack cocaine.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50024

MYRON K. TAYLOR, also known as "Baldy," 30 (DOB: 05/12/74), 225 N. Independence, Rockford, and **BOBBY BROWNLEE**, 42 (DOB: 12/16/62), 1511 S. 5th Street, Rockford, were both charged with one count of distributing crack cocaine.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50025

XAVIER R. MYLES, also known as "X," 25 (DOB: 05/21/79), 830 N. Annie Glidden, # 803, DeKalb, Illinois, **CHRISTOPHER L. TILLMAN**, also known as "Chris,"

20 (DOB: 02/22/85), 504 N. Court Street, Rockford, and **BOBBY BROWNLEE**, who was charged in a second indictment, were charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. Myles and Brownlee were also charged with two counts of distributing crack cocaine. Tillman was also charged with one count of distributing crack cocaine.

Federal Indictment 05 CR 50026

ANTHONY DAVIS, 19 (DOB: 10/13/85), 124 N. Calvin Park Boulevard, Rockford, was charged with one count of selling firearms without a license, including four sawed-off shotguns (one without a serial number), thirteen counts of selling firearms to a convicted felon, and four counts of possessing an unregistered firearm.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50027

TOMMIE INGRAM, 49 (DOB: 11/13/55), 118 Ashley Court, Rockford, was charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50028

JOSYLN JERMAINE THOMPSON, also known as “Jarv,” 26 (DOB: 07/09/78), of 1512 Iris Avenue, Rockford, was charged with two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The state defendants charged in the complaints are:

SANG VAN HUYNG, 24 (DOB: 11/24/80), 2980 Chatsworth Drive, Beloit, Wisconsin, was charged with one count of unlawful sale of a firearm and one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (crack cocaine).

STEVEN L. GUNDERSON, 18 (DOB: 3/15/87), 5375 Baxter Road, Rockford, was charged with one count of unlawful sale of a firearm, and one count of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

EDGAR PENA, 35 (DOB: 1/23/70), 1132 16th Avenue - Apt. #1, Rockford, was charged with one count of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon.

JOSEPH D. MUSSELMAN, 18 (DOB: 2/12/87), 1338 Red Oak Lane, Rockford, was charged with one count of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

DANIELLE DUNN, 21 (DOB: 2/1/84), 1312 Barnum, Rockford, was charged with two counts of unlawful sale of firearms.

JANMARIE HAMILTON, 52 (DOB: 10/1/52), 4744 Jade Parkway, Rockford, was charged with unlawful sale of a firearm.

DELANEO LOVE, 18 (DOB: 8/13/86), 3316 Arline, Rockford, was charged with two counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

WAYNE G. FARLEY, 17 (DOB: 3/29/87), 312 Miriam, Rockford, was charged with unlawful sale of firearms.

JARON BURDEN, 17 (DOB: 8/10/87), 807 Houghton, Rockford, was charged with gunrunning.

Members of the public are reminded that criminal indictments and complaints are only charges. Each defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which the government will have the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted, the actual sentence for each federal defendant will be determined by United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines. However, the maximum period of imprisonment faced by a federal defendant for each count charged in the indictment are as follows: selling firearms without a license–5 years; being a felon in possession of a firearm–10 years; selling a firearm to a felon–10 years; possessing an unregistered firearm–10 years; and distributing crack cocaine–minimum 5 years up to life imprisonment. Defendants sentenced in federal court are not eligible for parole.

Bail hearings for all of the federal defendants will be held on Monday or Tuesday of next week before Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney.

The federal cases are being prosecuted in United States District Court by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael F. Iasparro and Mark T. Karner. The state cases are being prosecuted by Assistant State’s Attorney Ronda Holliman.

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