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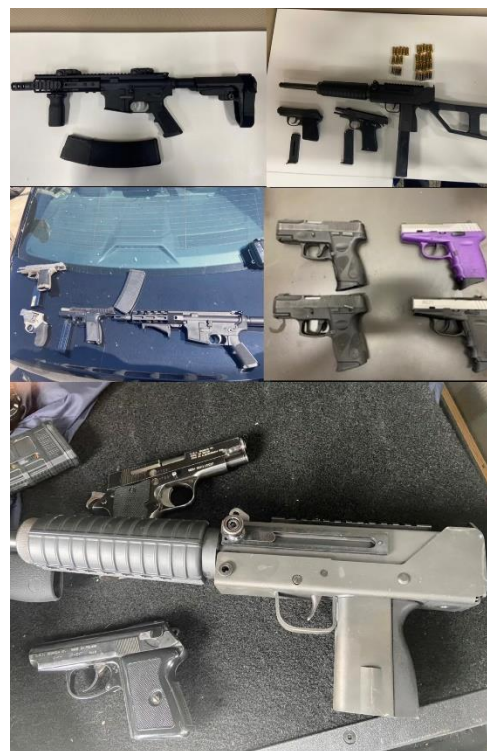
## Attorney General Brown Announces Seizure of 22 Firearms During Undercover Operation

*Two Baltimore Men, Including a Previously Convicted Murderer, Are Charged with Trafficking Firearms to Undercover Detectives*

**BALTIMORE, MD (March 7, 2024)** – Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced the indictments of two men for their roles in a criminal conspiracy to sell large volumes of firearms. The undercover operation resulted in the seizure of 22 firearms, including numerous semi-automatic handguns and several military-style weapons. The investigation was led by the Attorney General's Organized Crime Unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) through ATF Baltimore Group II.

Corey Dixon Smith, 39, of Baltimore, acted as a source of supply for firearms, often procuring four or five at a time for sale. Smith is prohibited from possessing firearms due to a prior criminal conviction for first degree murder in Baltimore City, to which he pleaded guilty in 2002. As a result of this investigation, Smith has been charged with 96 counts, including conspiring to unlawfully sell or transfer a regulated firearm, conspiring to sell regulated firearms without a license, illegal possession of a regulated firearm, transporting firearms into the State for the purpose of illegal sale, and related charges.

Ronreco Greenwood, 36, of Baltimore, acted as a broker, facilitating the sale of firearms between Smith and his customers. Greenwood also is prohibited from possessing firearms due to a prior criminal conviction for possession with the intent to distribute narcotics. Based on firearm purchases conducted by an undercover officer, Greenwood has been charged with 118 counts, including conspiring to unlawfully sell or transfer a regulated firearm, conspiring to sell regulated firearms



without a license, illegal possession of a regulated firearm, illegal possession of a firearm after a felony drug conviction, and related charges.

“The Organized Crime Unit works diligently with the ATF to ensure gun traffickers are brought to justice, illegal guns will be taken off our streets, and our communities are safer,” **said Attorney General Brown**. “I am committed to holding accountable those responsible for illegal gun distribution, especially repeat offenders.”

The investigation revealed that, as early as April 2023 through June 2023, Smith obtained at least 22 firearms for the purpose of street-level resale. Greenwood connected Smith with potential buyers and coordinated the sales with Smith, providing customers with the available inventory and prices before acquiring the firearms from Smith and conducting the actual sales. Smith was also present at these sales, either supervising from a distance or making himself known to the customer.

“ATF prides itself on strong partnerships among our law enforcement and prosecutorial partners, and this indictment is an excellent illustration of how working alongside the Baltimore Police Department, Public Safety and Correction Services and the DEA is a force multiplier when it comes to investigating and prosecuting firearms trafficking in our community,” **commented ATF Baltimore Special Agent in Charge Toni M. Crosby**. “I commend the Maryland Attorney General’s Office for their commitment in prosecuting these important cases.”

The defendants’ cases will be prosecuted in Baltimore City. Greenwood is scheduled for trial on May 28, 2024, and Smith is scheduled for trial on June 5, 2024.

A criminal indictment is merely an accusation of wrongdoing, and a defendant is presumed innocent until the State proves the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

In making today’s announcement, Attorney General Brown thanked the attorneys in his Criminal Division, including Organized Crime Unit Chief Paul Halliday, Assistant Attorney General Megan Greene, and Assistant Attorney General David Wiseman; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Baltimore City Police Department; and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Attorney General Brown also thanked the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, Ivan Bates, for his assistance in this investigation.

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