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FREESTONE COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 56 year old James Charles Clemens faces a minimum of thirty years in federal prison after pleading guilty this afternoon to possessing firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

By pleading guilty, Clemens admitted that he was in possession of two pistols, two sawed off shotguns and a machine gun to further the distribution of methamphetamine. On December 8, 2006, Clemens was involved in a vehicle accident on Highway 84 east of Fairfield, Texas. A Freestone County Sheriff's deputy, who responded to an accident scene, discovered methamphetamine and a .22 caliber derringer in Clemens' pockets. The deputy subsequently discovered a .45 caliber pistol inside Clemens' vehicle, a short-barreled shotgun next to the car and a H & K 7.62 x 51 caliber machine gun and a Mossberg short-barreled shotgun in the trunk.

Sentencing for Clemens, who remains in federal custody, is scheduled for July.

This case was investigated by the Freestone County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Special Assistant United States Attorney Shelly Strimple prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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