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**TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN ARRESTED FOR DEALING  
IN FIREARMS WITHOUT LICENSE**

United States Attorney Anthony J. Jenkins announced today that Shawn Tyson, 21, was advised of his rights today in District Court on St. Thomas after his arrest Thursday for dealing in firearms without a license. Tyson, a St. Thomas native, is a Tennessee National Guardsman.

On July 31, 2008, employees of the Transportation Security Administration in Tennessee informed Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Special Agents that Tyson was traveling to St. Thomas carrying a large number of firearms, ammunition and firearm magazines. An investigation revealed that Tyson was not licensed to deal in firearms. As Tyson was leaving the Cyril E. King Airport, he was arrested by law enforcement agents who recovered more than 10 firearms, and numerous boxes of ammunition and firearm magazines.

Tyson was taken into custody by agents and officers of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, United States Marshals Service and Virgin Islands Police Department. He is being detained pending a detention hearing on August 6, 2008. This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.