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“Straw” Purchasers Bought Firearms in Georgia, Shipped to California

ATLANTA, GA - JEFFREY MARTIN COLON MOORE, 26, of Canton, Georgia; CRYSTAL DAVIS, 26, of Canton, Georgia; ALEXANDER QUINN, 36, of Oakland, California, and DANNY BILL DAVIS, 56, of Canton, Georgia, were sentenced today by United States District Judge Thomas W. Thrash for their roles in a firearms trafficking conspiracy.

Acting United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said, “These straw purchasers who helped MOORE, a convicted felon, purchase numerous firearms in violation of the law, endangered not only the people of Georgia, but also the people of California, where most of the guns were later shipped and found, some in the hands of criminals. Several guns MOORE sold in this case were recovered in the San Francisco area in the possession of a juvenile, an armed robbery suspect on parole, a convicted felon gang member and drug traffickers and at two shooting crime scenes. These defendants will now pay the price because they deliberately circumvented the law and placed law-abiding citizens at risk.”

“This proliferating, coast-to-coast firearms trafficking scheme was dismantled thanks to alert gun dealers and good, old-fashioned police work,” said Special Agent in Charge Gregory Gant of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' Atlanta Field Division. “When firearms are diverted from retailers and gun shows to the criminal element, violence and death follows all too often. Straw purchasers and traffickers are motivated by nothing more than callous greed. They may not have perpetrated or pulled the trigger in those Bay Area crimes, but they were the ones who placed a gun in the criminal's hand.”

MOORE was sentenced to 8 years, 1 month in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. MOORE pleaded guilty to the charges on November 20, 2009.

DAVIS was sentenced to 1 year, 6 months of home confinement, to be followed by 3 years, 6 months of probation. DAVIS pleaded guilty to the charges on November 17, 2009.

QUINN was sentenced to 1 year and 1 day in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. QUINN pleaded guilty to the charges on November 13, 2009.

DANNY BILL DAVIS was sentenced to 1 year, 6 months of home confinement, to be followed by 3 years, 6 months of probation.

According to Acting United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: From approximately January 2009 through June 2009, JEFFREY MARTIN COLON MOORE recruited his girlfriend CRYSTAL DAVIS and her wheelchair-bound father, DANNY BILL DAVIS, to buy at least 65 firearms. MOORE accompanied them to twelve federally licensed firearms dealers and at least two gun shows in the Atlanta area, where he pointed out the firearms he wanted to be purchased, and supplied them with the cash to purchase the firearms. The firearms were then shipped to California by a next day delivery service. One of the federally licensed firearms dealers became suspicious of the volume, frequency and nature of the purchases and contacted ATF. ATF determined that MOORE was convicted in California of the felony offense of taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. After making this determination ATF agreed to make an undercover sale of a firearm to MOORE. When MOORE showed up to purchase the firearm ATF agents arrested him and discovered that he had another firearm on his person.

After MOORE's arrest, ATF agents obtained information which allowed them to monitor the delivery of firearms, which were shipped to ALEXANDER QUINN in Vallejo, California. QUINN was arrested and pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to unlawfully deal in firearms, and to cause firearms to be shipped without notifying the contract carrier. Further investigation by ATF resulted in the arrest of four men in Vallejo, California, for the unlawful receipt of those firearms. A separate federal case is being prosecuted against those four defendants.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistance in this case was provided by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California.

Assistant United States Attorneys Zahra S. Karinshak and Joseph Plummer prosecuted the case, with assistance from Assistant United States Attorney Derek Owens in the Northern District of California.

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