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BREMEN MAN SENTENCED FOR OPERATING A CHOP SHOP

Michael White Committed Offenses While on Bond

ATLANTA, GA - MICHAEL W. WHITE, 46, of Bremen, Georgia, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge J. Owen Forrester to serve over 3 years in federal prison on charges of altering a vehicle identification number and committing offenses while on federal bond.

“This defendant made the serious mistake of committing additional crimes while he was on a federal bond,” said United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates. “He has now been sentenced to almost four more years in federal prison for the crimes he committed while out on bond. This case should be a lesson for any defendant released on a bond: If you commit additional crimes while on bond, you are looking at additional time in federal prison.”

WHITE was sentenced to 3 years, 10 months in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution to victims in the amount of \$55,800. The 3 year, 10 month sentence imposed today was ordered to be run consecutively to the 8 year and 2 month sentence that WHITE is already serving. WHITE pleaded guilty to the charges on August 18, 2010.

According to United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: In March 2006, WHITE was charged in federal court with operating a chop shop, possession of stolen vehicles, and altering vehicle identification numbers. WHITE was released on bond in August 2006. In February 2008, WHITE was convicted of these charges. On May 16, 2008, WHITE was sentenced to eight years and two months in federal prison.

In December 2008, WHITE's former girlfriend confessed that while WHITE was released on bond on the 2006 charges she and WHITE stole three motor vehicles and drove them to WHITE's property where they used the parts from the stolen vehicles to repair wrecked vehicles owned by WHITE. WHITE then sold the repaired vehicles with the parts from the stolen vehicles to unsuspecting buyers. The offenses committed by

WHITE while he was on bond and the offenses that he was convicted of committing in 2006 were the same.

This case was investigated by officers with the Bremen Police Department and Special Agents with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney William L. McKinnon, Jr. prosecuted the case.

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