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## **BETTENDORF MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGE**

DAVENPORT, IA - On July 22, 2011, Brian John Rashid, age 50, of Bettendorf, IA, was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to possession of a firearm as a felon, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also ordered that Rashid pay a \$10,000 fine, serve 3 years of supervised release and pay \$100 to the crime victims fund.

On September 21, 2010, the Davenport Police Department responded to a criminal investigation involving Brian Rashid at Quad City Satellite in Davenport. No charges were filed against Rashid based on this initial investigation, but law enforcement officers obtained information that Rashid possessed firearms at the Quad City Satellite business location. Rashid has a prior felony conviction. As a result of information developed as part of this investigation, on October 1, 2010, a state search warrant was obtained for Quad City Satellite. During this search, officers found and seized a .50 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver and an Intratec .22 caliber semiautomatic firearm, along with ammunition for the weapons.

Later that same day, a second search warrant was obtained to search Rashid's Bettendorf residence. At this residence, officer found and seized a loaded Springfield Armory XD 40 caliber handgun in the living room, a loaded Beretta 9 mm handgun in the bedroom, and a Henry

Arms .22 caliber rifle. Officers also seized numerous boxes of ammunition out of Rashid's bedroom. After his arrest, Rashid was advised of his rights pursuant to the *Miranda* warnings. After initially denying there were any firearms in the Quad City Satellite office, Rashid later admitted knowledge and told law enforcement officers that he would have told them about the gun under the desk. Although, Rashid denied knowing about the Intratec .22 caliber firearm in the cabinet, the key to open this cabinet was located and provided to officers by Rashid. When asked about the Henry Arms rifle found hanging in the bathroom, Rashid stated that someone gave him that firearm to hang on his wall. When asked about the loaded .40 caliber Springfield handgun in plain view in his living room, Rashid admitted knowing it was there. In relation to the .32 caliber loaded Beretta in his bedroom armoire, Rashid admitted that was his handgun and stated he obtained this handgun for protection.

At sentencing, former and present Quad City Satellite employees testified that Rashid would show the firearms at the business to customers and to other employees. A former employee also testified that Rashid asked this employee to act as a straw purchaser to buy several firearms for Rashid, since Rashid knew he was prohibited from purchasing them himself. Four of the weapons later seized were purchased at the request of and for Rashid by this former employee.

This investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Davenport Police Department, and the Bettendorf Police Department, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.