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## Four Camden Men Plead Guilty to Illegally Possessing Firearms

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CAMDEN – Four Camden men pleaded guilty today to conspiring to illegally possess four loaded firearms in Camden, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Jeffrey Jones, 31, a.k.a. “Jazzy,” Manfred Younger, 20, Anthony Parker, 24, and Abdullah Fussell, 26, all pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Noel L. Hillman to a one-count Superseding Information that charges conspiracy to possess firearms by a previously convicted felon. Judge Hillman continued the defendants’ detention pending sentencing.

The four defendants have been held in state custody since their arrest on Sept. 27, 2007. The U.S. Attorney’s Office adopted the case for federal prosecution.

At their plea hearings, the defendants admitted that on Sept. 27, 2007, they conspired and agreed with each other to illegally possess firearms, having known that each of them had previously been convicted of a felony. They also admitted that on that date, they possessed a loaded Smith & Wesson 9mm semi-automatic handgun; a loaded Beretta 9mm semi-automatic handgun; a loaded Heckler & Koch 9mm semi-automatic handgun; and a loaded Hi-Point 9mm semi-automatic handgun.

The four defendants were arrested by police officers with the Camden Police Department after a the 2007 Buick Terranza they were traveling in was stopped for reckless driving.

The charge of conspiracy to possess firearms by a previously convicted felon carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

In determining the actual sentences, Judge Hillman will consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of the FBI’s South Jersey Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Janice K. Fedarck in Philadelphia, Police Officers with the Camden Police Department, under the direction of Chief Edward Hargis, and Special Agents with the ATF’s Camden Satellite Office, under the direction of Mark Potter in Philadelphia, with the investigation leading to the guilty plea.

Christie also thanked the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office, under the direction Acting Prosecutor Joshua M. Ottenberg, for their assistance

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Deborah Prisinzano-Mikkelsen and Allen Harberg of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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Fussell - Troy Archie, Esq. Camden

Younger - Richard Sparaco, Esq. Cherry Hill

Parker - Gilbert Scutti, Esq. Somerdale