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Member of White Supremacist Group Sentenced to 80 Months in Prison on Gun Charges

CAMDEN – A Pennsville man was sentenced to 80 months in federal prison today on charges of selling rifles, shotguns and handguns without the required federal license to deal in firearms and for being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Robert B. Kugler also ordered Gabriel Carafa, 25, to pay a \$2,000 fine and to serve three years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison sentence.

Judge Kugler sentenced Carafa's co-defendant, Craig Orlor, 29, also of Pennsville, to 130 months in federal prison on August 29.

Carafa pleaded guilty on May 4, 2006, to a two-count Information. At his plea hearing, Carafa admitted that during April 2005 he lived in a house in Pennsville with Orlor. Carafa also admitted that he and Orlor were members of a white supremacist group known as "The Hated."

Carafa admitted that prior to April 2005 he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, and as such, was a felon and barred from possessing firearms. Carafa admitted that on April 25, 2005, he sold a Winchester rifle with an obliterated serial number for \$100 to a man that he believed was a fellow white supremacist. After the sale, Carafa admitted, he was contacted by another white supremacist and asked if he could sell some guns that the individual had recently acquired.

Carafa admitted that in early May 2005 co-defendant Orlor displayed to him approximately one dozen guns, including rifles, shotguns and handguns, which were in the back of Orlor's Chevrolet Blazer. Orlor asked Carafa if he wanted to purchase the firearms for approximately \$100 per weapon, according to Carafa. According to Carafa, after he turned down the offer to purchase the weapons, Orlor asked him to sell the guns. Carafa then contacted the individual he had sold the Winchester rifle to and offered to sell him 12 guns. Carafa admitted that on May 14 he sold the individual 11 of the guns for a total price of \$1,000. After the sale, Carafa kept \$100 for himself and gave the remainder to Orlor.

Christie credited Special Agents of the ATF, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Mark W. Potter, in Philadelphia, and Investigators with the N.J. Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Bias Crime and Community Relations, under the direction of Director Gregory Paw, with investigation of the case.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason Richardson, of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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