

## U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

615 Chestnut Street Suite 1250 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4476 (215) 861-8200

March 8, 2011

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Gregory Smith, a/k/a "Tyriq Mason," Michael Anthony Laws, and Regina Longstratt were charged today by indictment<sup>1</sup> with conspiring to make false statements to a federal firearms licensee, making false statements to a federal firearms licensee, and aiding and abetting, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The indictment also charges Smith with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and specifically charges the defendants with conspiring to make false statements to a federal firearms licensee so that Longstratt could purchase a firearm, that is, an FNH, model Five-seveN, caliber 5.7x28mm semi-automatic pistol, on behalf of Smith, a convicted felon, who was prohibited by law from buying firearms.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

| NAME                              | ADDRESS         | AGE |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| Gregory Smith a/k/a "Tyriq Mason" | Philadelphia    | 36  |
| Michael Anthony Laws              | Elkins Park, PA | 29  |
| Regina Longstratt                 | Philadelphia    | 32  |

If convicted of all counts, Laws and Longstratt face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prisonment and a \$500,000 fine; Smith faces a maximum of 20 years imprisonment and a \$750,000 fine.

This case has been investigated by the Philadelphia Gun Violence Task Force, the Pennsylvania State Attorney General's Office, the Philadelphia Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE Contact: PATTY HARTMAN EASTERN DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA Media Contact for Public Affairs Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-861-8525

COPIES OF NEWS MEMOS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

www.justice.gov/usao/pae