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MASSACHUSETTS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BRANDISHING GUN DURING ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Trevor Lucas, 22, Gloucester, Mass., pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to knowingly and intentionally brandishing a handgun, during and in relation to the violent crime of attempted kidnapping.

The evidence showed that on August 26, 2009, Lucas traveled to Madison from Massachusetts for the purpose of kidnapping a minor, "CG," whom Lucas had communicated with in the online game World of Warcraft. Lucas paid a friend of CG's \$500 to show him where CG lived.

Once at the residence, Lucas knocked on the door and CG's mother answered. CG was in the home at the time. Lucas stated he was looking for CG and he had a folder with CG's name on it. When CG's mother asked Lucas for identification, he pulled out a black handgun and brandished it directly at her face. CG's mother was able to slam the door in Lucas's face and he drove away.

Police identified Lucas as the suspect because his father called CG's home the next day while police were there, claiming he was looking for his son who had been gone from their Massachusetts home for several days. Lucas's father said CG's name and number were in Lucas's room at their home.

Evidence that Lucas intended to kidnap CG was overwhelming. Lucas was arrested in Massachusetts on August 28, 2009, and the following items were recovered from his car:

- a. two loaded black handguns, one Glock .40 caliber and one Beretta 9mm with extra magazines and ammunition
- b. two stun guns
- c. three canisters of pepper spray

- d. seven pairs of handcuffs
- e. 28 flex restraints
- f. three rolls of duct tape
- g. one box of latex gloves
- h. three military style knives
- I. a concealable shoulder holster
- j. a metal police style baton

The subsequent investigation revealed that Lucas had asked an employee of an automotive store in Massachusetts to disable his emergency trunk latch. The employee refused because it was illegal. That same employee subsequently saw the trunk of Lucas's car lined in clear plastic on either August 23 or 24, 2009.

Lucas was also captured on video at a federal firearms licensee in Putney, Vt., with a friend of his on August 19, 2009. The friend purchased the Glock and Beretta handguns that were subsequently recovered from Lucas's car and admitted that he had purchased them for Lucas.

A neighbor of Lucas's also reported to police that in August 2009, Lucas spent a lot of time in a wooded area near his home in Gloucester. Law enforcement officers went to the wooded area and located a cave. Inside the cave, officers found an AR-15 semi-automatic assault rifle, a purported silencer, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. In addition, they found numerous empty gun cases, a rifle tripod, tape, several large contractor sized plastic bags, and a box for a taser stun gun. The brand and model of the stun gun box matched the brand and model of the stun gun found in the trunk of Lucas's car on August 28. Finally, near the cave officers recovered a variety of digging tools and a shallow, empty hole approximately six feet wide, eleven feet long and 18 inches deep.

On September 28, 2009, a federal search warrant was executed on Lucas's car, which had been in police custody since August 28, and federal law enforcement officers confirmed that the emergency trunk latch had been disabled.

U.S. District Judge William M. Conley scheduled sentencing for February 23, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Lucas faces a mandatory minimum penalty of seven years in prison and a maximum penalty of life in prison. The charges against Lucas were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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