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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL GUN CONTROL ACT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

LAIRD JOHNSON

* CRIMINAL NO.

21-192

* SECTION:

SECT. GMAG. 1

* VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)
18 U.S.C. § 922(j)
* 18 U.S.C. § 922(u)
* 18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(2)
* 18 U.S.C. § 924(i)(1)

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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

(Theft of a Firearm from a Federal Firearms Licensee)

On or about June 19, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **LAIRD JOHNSON**, did knowingly steal and unlawfully take and carry away from a person and the premises of a person who is licensed to engage in the business of importing, manufacturing, and dealing in firearms, a firearm, namely a Glock 19X 9mm semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number BSPK807, which was in the licensee's business inventory and which had been shipped

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and transported in interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(u) and 924(i)(1).

COUNT 2
(Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon)

On or about June 19, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **LAIRD JOHNSON**, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on August 16, 2017, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Case No. 533-930 “B,” for aggravated assault with a firearm in violation of La. R.S. 14:37.4, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in violation of La. R.S. 14:95.1; and a conviction on December 20, 2016, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Case No. 530-554 “C,” for simple burglary in violation of LA R.S. 14:62(B), did knowingly possess a firearm, that is a Glock 19X 9mm semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number BSPK807, said firearm having been in and affecting interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

COUNT 3
(Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Convicted Felon)

On or about July 23, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **LAIRD JOHNSON**, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on August 16, 2017, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Case No. 533-930 “B,” for aggravated assault with a firearm in violation of La. R.S. 14:37.4, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in violation of La. R.S. 14:95.1; and a conviction on December 20, 2016, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Case No. 530-554 “C,” for simple burglary in violation of LA R.S. 14:62(B), did knowingly possess a firearm and ammunition, that is an unknown .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun and .45 caliber ammunition,

said firearm and ammunition having been in and affecting interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

COUNT 4
(Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon)

On or about August 10, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **LAIRD JOHNSON**, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on August 16, 2017, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Case No. 533-930 “B,” for aggravated assault with a firearm in violation of La. R.S. 14:37.4, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in violation of La. R.S. 14:95.1; and a conviction on December 20, 2016, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Case No. 530-554 “C,” for simple burglary in violation of LA R.S. 14:62(B), did knowingly possess a firearm and ammunition, that is a Glock 19 9mm semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number BNKP670, a Glock 19X 9mm semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number BSPK807, and a Zastava Arms 7.62 rifle, bearing serial number Z92-089-202, said firearms having been in and affecting interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

COUNT 5
(Possession of a Stolen Firearm)

On or about August 10, 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **LAIRD JOHNSON**, knowingly possessed a stolen firearm, that is a Glock 19X 9mm semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number BSPK807, which had been shipped and transported in interstate commerce, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe the firearm was stolen, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(j) and 924(a)(2).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

1. The allegations of Counts 1 through 5 of this Indictment are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States.

2. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 through 5, the defendant, **LAIRD JOHNSON**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearm or ammunition involved in or used in the commission of said offenses, including but not limited to any of the following:

Glock 19 9mm semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number BNKP670;

Glock 19X 9mm semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number BSPK807;

Zastava Arms 7.62 rifle, bearing serial number Z92-089-202;

Pro Mag 9mm drum magazine;

American Tactical sixty (60) round magazine with (1) one live 7.62 caliber round;

Glock 9mm magazine with fifteen (15) live rounds;

Ten (10) round 9mm magazine;

Seventeen (17) round 9mm magazine;

Fifty-six (56) undetermined live rounds of ammunition;

Nine (9) 9mm live rounds;

Fifty-seven (57) 7.62 caliber live rounds;

Box (empty) AM15 M4 assault rifle.

3. If any of the above-described property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;


the United States shall seek a money judgment and, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of said property.

A TRUE BILL:



FORFEIT PERSON

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