



U. S. Department of Justice

*Jason R. Coody
Acting United States Attorney
Northern District of Florida*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, August 27, 2021

United States Attorney's Office
Northern District of Florida
(850) 216-3829
USAFLN.Press.Office@usdoj.gov

**CRESTVIEW FELON SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR POSSESSING AN UNREGISTERED MACHINE GUN**

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA – Frank Miller Freeman, III, 30, of Crestview, Florida, was sentenced to six years in federal prison after pleading guilty to charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a machine gun, and possession of an unregistered firearm with no serial number. The sentence was announced today by Jason R. Coody, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

On November 10, 2020, Freeman was pulled over by Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office deputies with a loaded Ruger pistol and a .300 blackout caliber M16-type machine gun with a loaded 60-round magazine attached. The machine gun was fully automatic and contained no serial number or manufacturer markings, and it was not registered as required by federal law. Freeman had previously been convicted of multiple drug felonies.

This case resulted from a joint investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alicia Forbes prosecuted the case.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida is one of 94 offices that serve as the nation's principal litigators under the direction of the Attorney General. To access public court documents online, please visit the [U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida](https://www.uscourts.gov/district-court-for-the-northern-district-of-florida) website. For more information about the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Florida, visit <http://www.justice.gov/usao/fln/index.html>.

###