



ATF News

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Kansas City Field Division

Contact: Special Agent Michael Schmitz
Public Information Officer
(816) 559-0756

For Immediate Release
April 13, 2007

ATF DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO USE OF A FIREARM IN FURTHERANCE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Special Agent in Charge Michael Boxler of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and John Wood, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today a guilty plea by Bryan Rogers of Joplin, Mo., on federal firearms violations.

Bryan Rogers pleaded guilty on Monday, April 9, 2007, before U.S. District Court Judge James C. England to possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. Rogers fired several rounds from a stolen handgun at Jasper County Sheriff's deputies and after a car chase was found to be in possession of a second stolen handgun, as well as cocaine and methamphetamine packaged for sale and distribution. Rogers is a previously convicted felon and faces a sentence of up to life imprisonment and up to a \$250,000 fine.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James Kelleher and was investigated by ATF and the Jasper County Sheriff's Department.

More information on ATF and its programs is at www.atf.gov.

###