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TWO LOUISVILLE MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY, ROBBERY AND FIREARMS CHARGES

Pair Charged With Robbery of Pawn Shop and Gas Station

LOUISVILLE, KY - Ralph Herman Husband, Jr., age 52, and Robert Gene Turner, Jr., age 37, both of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, pled guilty on April 30, 2007, to conspiracy to use, carry and brandish a firearm during a crime of violence, interference with commerce by robbery, and using, carrying and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Husband and Turner admitted that on between February 3 and February 20, 2003, they conspired with Paul Douglas Sizemore and Dee Ann Marie Elliott to use, carry and brandish firearms to carry out robberies at the Mr. Money Pawn Shop at 3501 Bardstown Road and the Swifty Oil gas station located at 619 Outer Loop. Both of these businesses were engaged in interstate commerce.

Husband also admitted that he and Paul Douglas Sizemore robbed the Mr. Money Pawn Shop at 3501 Bardstown Road on February 14, 2003. During the robbery, he and Sizemore stole firearms, cash and jewelry. Both Husband and Sizemore brandished firearms during the robbery, one of which was a pistol grip pump-action shotgun.

Husband and Turner both admitted that they robbed the Swifty Oil gas station at 619

Outer Loop on February 20, 2003. Defendant and Turner both used, carried and brandished firearms during the robbery.

The maximum potential penalties for Husband are life imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years. Husband faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 7 years. The maximum potential penalties for Turner are life imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years. Turner also faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 7 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Thomas W. Dyke and Madison Sewell, and it was investigated by the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Breckinridge County Sheriff's Office, the Leitchfield Police Department, the Grayson County Sheriff's Office and the Leslie County Sheriff's Office. This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The pleas were entered before Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Husband and Turner are scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Coffman on August 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

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