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## **ATF Arrests 3 In ‘Home Invasion’ Style Armed Robbery**

ORLANDO, Fla.—Three heavily armed gunmen poised to rob what they thought was a drug dealer, instead were arrested by a team of federal agents. The three men were armed with a fully loaded AK-47 type, assault rifle and two fully loaded semi automatic pistols. The trio of would be robbers also had gloves and masks.

“We will not tolerate armed thugs in our communities. Today they planned to rob us, tomorrow it could have been your neighbor,” said Ralph C. Ostrowski, Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). “We stopped them here and in the process prevented untold violence in this community.” The three gunmen were arrested at a mini warehouse after showing an undercover ATF agent that they were prepared to rob the occupants of an alleged drug house.

Arrested and charged with conspiring to commit a “Home Invasion” style armed robbery, the three were charged with violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c), Use of a firearm during and in relation to any crime of violence or drug trafficking crime and Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1); Trafficking in a controlled substance and Section 846, Conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance. Each individual charged is facing a potential 25 years imprisonment. The three men are:

- (1) Charlie Williams, B/M, DOB 12-06-1979 of Orlando, Fla.
- (2) Mercurio Stokes, B/M, DOB 06-03-1984 of Orlando, Fla.
- (3) Kylund Johnson, B/M, DOB 08-05-1986 Orlando, Fla.

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During the apprehension, the three armed individuals forcefully resisted arrest by the ATF Special Response Team. Their actions resulted in the three gunmen being shot. Williams sustained injuries to the face from broken glass, Stokes received a gunshot wound to the shoulder and Johnson sustained a gunshot wound to the hip/groin area. All were treated at the scene by an ATF medic and then transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center by ambulance.

“ATF along with the Orlando County Sheriff’s Office today averted a potentially dangerous situation,” Ostrowski said. “We greatly appreciate the Sheriff’s Departments assistance and are thankful to have been in a position to thwart this plan.”

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