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BROCKTON MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL GUN OFFENSE

BOSTON, MA - A Brockton man was sentenced yesterday in federal court on a federal firearm charge.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Boston Field Division, and Chief William Conlon of the Brockton Police Department, announced that **GERMAINE CLINKSCALES**, 23, of 82 Belmont Avenue, Brockton, Massachusetts was sentenced to 24 months in prison, to be followed by 2 years of supervised release.

On May 31, 2007, **CLINKSCALES** pled guilty to an Indictment charging him with one count of possession of an unregistered firearm, an UZI semi-automatic rifle with a magazine capable of holding 32 rounds of ammunition. At the plea hearing, **CLINKSCALES** admitted to selling the UZI to an undercover federal agent in Brockton on July 5, 2006. The gun sale was videotaped and recorded by local police and federal agents.

The cases were prosecuted as part of President Bush's Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, aimed at providing a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America. Since 2002, when the U.S. Attorney's Office implemented the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, eleven cities across the state, including Brockton, have joined in the program.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Boston Field Division and the Brockton Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Glenn MacKinlay, Project Safe Neighborhoods and Anti-Gang Coordinator in Sullivan's Strike Force Unit.

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