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ATF and FBI Arrest Bank Robbery Suspects

Denver - The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) joined forces with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and area law enforcement for the successful arrest of two bank robbery suspects in the Denver Metro area.

Following a press release by the FBI Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force, which was issued seeking information on several unknown bank robbery suspects, to include those dubbed "Checkerboard Chuck" and "Tommy Two Glasses", the ATF developed information about the possible identity of one of the armed robbers. ATF contacted and worked with the RMSSTF to identify and conduct an undercover investigation which targeted Fabrizio Rosero.

In an undercover operation, an undercover ATF agent met with Fabrizio Rosero, a multiple convicted felon, of Englewood, Colorado, for the purpose of negotiating a fictitious robbery on behalf of the undercover agent. During the conversation, the ATF undercover agent was able to illicit admissions from Rosero regarding four bank robberies, unlawful use and possession of firearms and other admissions of violent crimes he committed along with his associates.

After a series of undercover contacts with Rosero, he agreed to commit a fictitious armed drug robbery for the undercover agent. Rosero shared with the undercover agent his robbery tactics to include disguises, communications and fingerprint concealment.

On November 2, 2007, ATF, the FBI Safe Street Taskforce, Colorado Springs Police, Lakewood Police and the Englewood Police departments, Denver ATF initiated an undercover meeting to arrest Rosero and execute a federal search warrant.

Prior to the meeting, Richard Kim, of Denver, also a multiple convicted felon was identified as an associate of Rosero. Kim was present at the meeting with the undercover agent. Rosero and Kim were armed with several firearms.

Upon arriving at the arrest location, ATF cover team agents initiated the arrest of the two suspects. During the arrest operation, Kim reached for a firearm located on his person during which time SRT members were required to use lethal and non-lethal force at Kim to stop his hostile action. The suspects then complied with law enforcement. Neither suspect nor was any ATF agent injured during the successful arrest of both suspects.

During the federal search warrant on Rosero's residence in Englewood, numerous items of evidence were seized. Both, Rosero and Kim are currently being held on federal firearms violations pending prosecution by the United States Attorney's Office. It is anticipated Rosero and Kim will face additional charges related to several armed bank robberies.

"Colorado is a safer place thanks to the ATF-FBI partnership," said U.S. Attorney Troy Eid.

"This was a textbook example of law enforcement cooperation at all levels in support of making our streets safer" says ATF Acting Special Agent in Charge Matthew Horace. "These defendants represent a priority for ATF as the worst of the worst and clearly worthy of federal attention"

FBI Acting Special Agent in Charge Cory B. Nelson says, "This is yet another great example of how everyone must work together to make our community a safer place. With the media's assistance in publishing photographs of unknown bank robbers, the ATF was able to develop information used to identify one of these suspects. The ATF, FBI Safe Streets Task Force, our local law enforcement partners along with the public worked together to take two very dangerous individuals off the street. "