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Woodbridge Men Sentenced for Arson of Two Businesses

(Alexandria, Virginia) – Robert Williams, age 34, and Santiago Ravens, age 20, both of Woodbridge, Virginia, were sentenced today after both pled guilty to arson in connection with a burglary of two businesses on Route 1 in Prince William County, Virginia. Williams was sentenced to 97 months in prison, followed by a three year term of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,870,105. Williams pled guilty on July 2, 2008 to arson. Ravens was sentenced to 43 months in prison, followed by three year term of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,870,105. Ravens pled guilty on June 25, 2008 to arson. A third man, Raymond Potoski, age 38, of Woodbridge, Virginia, was sentenced on July 25, 2008 to 84 months in prison, followed by a three year term of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,870,105. Raymond Potoski pled guilty on May 20, 2008 to arson. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Edgar A. Domenech, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Special Agent in Charge, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee.

According to court documents, on November 25, 2007, Williams, Potoski, and Ravens entered the Meadows Farms business looking for money and other items to steal. In the course of the burglary, the three men discovered that they were being recorded on a surveillance system and decided to start a fire at the building to destroy evidence of the burglary. Shortly after the fire was started, the three men then proceeded to another business, Playtime Pools and Spas. Potoski and Ravens entered the business to obtain moneys and checks, while Williams remained outside. After obtaining money and checks from the business, Potoski and Ravens set fire to the business to destroy evidence of the theft. The Meadows Farms building was damaged as a result of the fire, and the Playtime Pools and Spas building was also damaged and later destroyed as a result of the fire.

This case was investigated by the ATF, in coordination with the Prince William County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Ben Hatch prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/vae>. Related court

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