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New Mexico Resident Indicted for Trafficking Firearms into Connecticut

Vanessa Roberts Avery, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Robert Fuller, Special Agent in Charge of the New Haven Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today announced that a federal grand jury in Hartford has returned a six-count indictment charging TIMOTHY GREGORY, 42, formerly of Questa, New Mexico, with firearms trafficking offenses.

Gregory was arrested on July 18, 2024, in Eugene, Oregon, pursuant to a criminal complaint, and the indictment was returned on July 31, 2024. Gregory appeared today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert M. Spector in New Haven and pleaded not guilty to the charges. He has been detained since his arrest.

As alleged in court documents and statements made in court, an FBI New Haven Safe Streets Gang Task Force investigation revealed that Gregory had offered to sell and ship firearms to an individual in Connecticut who is prohibited from possessing firearms. In May 2024, Gregory mailed a parcel containing a Glock 42 .380 caliber pistol and three magazines to Connecticut. In June 2024, he mailed a .223 caliber AR15-style rifle and two empty 30-round magazines to Connecticut. Gregory also indicated he had approximately 300 additional firearms, some which were fully automatic, to sell, as well as six hand grenades.

The indictment charges Gregory with two counts of firearms trafficking, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 15 years on each count; two counts of unlawful transfer of firearms to an out-of-state residence, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of five years on each count; and two counts of mailing nonmailable firearms, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of two years on each count.

U.S. Attorney Avery stressed that an indictment is not evidence of guilt. A charge is only an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is being prosecuted, in part, under the new criminal provisions of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which Congress enacted and the President signed in June 2022. The Act is the first federal statute specifically designed to target the unlawful trafficking and straw-purchasing of firearms.

This matter is being investigated by the FBI New Haven Safe Streets Gang Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The Task Force includes members from the FBI, the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Department of Correction, and the New Haven, Milford, East Haven, West Haven, and Wallingford Police Departments. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie T. Levick.

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