

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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SCDA and ATF announce gun trafficking arrests

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota and Kenneth Crotty of the Long Island Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms today announced the arrests of two men arrested in two separate gun trafficking investigations.

The suspects, Terry L. Byrd (DOB: 6/16/1975) of Bladenboro, North Carolina, formerly of Wyandanch, and Frederick Miller (DOB: 10/30/1979) of Lake Grove, will be arraigned on weapon possession charges in indictments next week in Riverhead.

Byrd purchased firearms and ammunition in North Carolina and returned to Suffolk County to sell the weapons. District Attorney Spota said the math behind cheap access to guns in New York is fairly simple. "A gun bought in the south will sell for six or seven times that amount in Suffolk County."

The district attorney said evidence collected during the gun trafficking investigation established that Frederick Miller bought guns and ammunition from sellers he met in forums on firearms-related websites including Armslist.com, a website billed as a "Firearms Marketplace". While out on bail in Nassau County for stealing a .44 caliber handgun, District Attorney Spota said Miller, who has a prior conviction and is legally barred from owning a firearm used the website to find an out of state gun seller. "The seller proceeded to shipped parts of handguns and assault-style rifles to Miller's Lake Grove apartment and Miller would then reassemble the guns and make them operational for street sale," Spota said.

District Attorney Spota said Miller sold a Gun Team undercover detective a flare gun with inserts and ammo that effectively converted the flare gun into a firearm and on three more occasions in October detectives purchased three loaded handguns and a stun gun from Miller.

Detectives seized three loaded guns, switchblades, brass knuckles and ammunition during the execution of a search warrant at the defendant's Lake Grove residence on November 5.

Gun Traffickers Pedigree Sheet

Terry L. Byrd (DOB: 6/16/1975)

12514 NC 242 Hwy S, Bladenboro, NC

10 counts - Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd

6 counts - Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd

Scheduled to be arraigned on an indictment in Riverhead this Monday, November 23rd before Justice William Condon. Defendant is incarcerated in the county jail in lieu of bail.

Defense Attorney: Robert Macedonio

Frederick Miller (DOB: 10/30/1979)

16 Williams Boulevard, Apt. 1D, Lake Grove, NY

1 count - Criminal Possession of a Weapon 1st

24 counts - Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd

19 counts – Criminal Possession of a Firearm

11 counts - Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd

1 count - Criminal Sale of a Firearm 2nd

5 counts - Criminal Sale of a Firearm 3rd

1 count – Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th

Scheduled to be arraigned on an indictment in Riverhead before Judge Martin Efman on Tuesday, November 24.

Defense Attorney: Robert Dapelo



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