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****UPDATED COURT DATE****

STATE POLICE ARREST OF BROOKFIELD GUN DEALER ON WEAPONS CHARGES

On September 9th, 2004 after a lengthy investigation, Detectives from the State Police Special Licensing and Firearms Unit, arrested Maurizio DEFINA age 63 of Brookfield, CT for 33 counts of Illegal Transfer in violation of Connecticut General Statutes 53a-29-33(e) on an arrest warrant issued by Superior Court G.A. 3, Danbury.

This arrest is a result of a lengthy investigation where it was determined that Mr. DEFINA was not obtaining authorization number(s) when taking ownership of handgun(s) from private owners. Authorization number(s) are required and issued by the State Police Weapons Unit whenever weapons are transferred between parties and the transfer of ownership of the weapon(s) must be entered in the Weapons Data Base. This investigation also included the execution of a search warrant which yielded the seizure of 14 handguns relevant to the investigation.

Mr. DEFINA is a licensed firearms dealer and the owner and operator of a business named Master Class Sports which is operated from his home at 166 Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT, where the search warrant was executed and the arrest was made.

Arrested: Maurizio DEFINA, date of birth 09/20/1940
166 Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT

Charges: 33 counts of Illegal Transfer of Pistols/Revolvers 53a-33(e)

Court date: 09/27/2004 at Superior Court G.A. 3, Danbury, CT

Bond: released on a \$25,000 bond

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