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THREE ARRESTED ON FEDERAL EXPLOSIVES CHARGES

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Louisville Office Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Elizabeth Fries; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Louisville Field Division SAC Paul Vido; FBI Cincinnati Office SAC Keith Bennett and ATF Columbus Field Division SAC Christopher Sadowski; announce that on April 13, 2010 FBI and ATF Agents arrested three individuals on federal charges that they illegally possessed and delivered explosives. In addition Agents executed four federal search warrants in Ohio and one in Kentucky as the result of the same investigation.

Arrested were:

- 1. Robert Bancroft, age 41, Williamstown, KY. Robert Bancroft is charged with illegally possessing and transferring explosives as well as conspiring to transfer explosives.**
- 2. Daniel J. Bancroft, age 43, Sidney, OH (Robert's brother). Daniel Bancroft is charged with the same offenses as Robert Bancroft.**
- 3. Paul Zahn, age 44, Bainbridge, OH. Zahn is charged with conspiring to possess and transfer explosives.**

Search warrants were executed as follows:

- 1. 127 High Street, Williamstown, KY. (Robert Bancroft's home)**

2. 313 North Walnut Avenue, Sidney, OH (Daniel Bancroft's home)
3. 2761 Tong Hollow Road, Bainbridge, OH.
4. 1994 Dodge Dakota truck (owned by Daniel Bancroft)
5. 1992 Chevrolet S-10 truck (owned by Zahn).

A federal complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky alleges that on two separate occasions during February 2010 the Bancrofts sold a total of 12 bricks of military C4 explosives at a location in Walton, Kentucky. Zahn is alleged to have conspired with the Bancrofts to obtain and deliver the explosives.

All three were arrested without incident this morning between 6 am and 7 am. All three will receive an initial appearance before a U.S. Magistrate Judge at Covington today. The U.S. Magistrate will determine whether they will be detained pending further judicial proceedings.

The following federal, state and local law enforcement agencies assisted in today's operations: Federal Air Marshals Service; Defense Criminal Investigative Service; Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport PD; Kentucky State Police; Boone County, Kentucky Sheriff's Office; Williamstown, Kentucky PD; Sidney, Ohio PD; Ross County, Ohio Sheriff's Office; Columbus Department of Fire and Dayton Police Department Bomb Squad.

**A COMPLAINT IS MERELY AN ALLEGATION OF CRIMINAL
CONDUCT. ALL INDIVIDUALS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT
UNTIL CONVICTED**

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