



Firearms, fentanyl, and more...

.... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. Penn 23-cr-33

What's the Basis?: While conducting a search warrants at locations related to Penn, federal agents found a Glock 17 9mm; a Palmetto State Armory Model: PA-15; a Glock 19 9mm; a Glock 30 .45 caliber; \$1,216; 63 pills containing fentanyl; various ammunition and marijuana. Further examination by investigators revealed that the Palmetto State Armory Model: PA-15, was modified and equipped with an "Auto Sear," a devise designed to enable automatic fire, which technically converted the weapon into a machine gun. DNA analysis indicated "strong support" that Penn contributed to DNA found on many of the seized items. Penn had been previously convicted of a felony and knew he was prohibited from possessing firearms.

What's the Violation?: Penn pled guilty to *Possession with intent to distribute a quantity of marijuana and a quantity of fentanyl*; *Possession of a machine gun*; and *Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon*, in violation of **21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), (b)(1)(D); 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(o), (a)(2), (g)(1) and (a)(8).**

What's the Punishment?: The Honorable Judge Barry W. Ashe sentenced Mr. Penn to **78 months of imprisonment**, and three years of supervised released, as to each count. Sentences to be served concurrently.

This Week's Other Matters

U.S.. V. HUTCHINSON, 24-CR-225

Charge: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl and Methamphetamine; Possession with and Intent to Distribute Fentanyl and Methamphetamine; and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B); and 846; 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i))

Sentence: **180 months of imprisonment**, consisting of 120 months for the narcotic charges, to be served consecutively with 60 months for the firearm charge.

Judge: Honorable Judge Barry W. Ashe

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE? CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN THIS WEEKS' EDITION

- [18 U.S.C. § 922](#)
- [21 U.S.C. § 841](#)

