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Boston Man Charged with Firearm and Ammunition Offenses

Convicted felon allegedly fled car crash following shooting in Cambridge

BOSTON – A Boston man was arrested and charged on Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 in connection with illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Jammy Alphonse, 27, was charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Following an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jennifer C. Boal, Alphonse was detained pending a probable cause and detention hearing scheduled for Aug. 12, 2021.

According to the charging documents, on July 26, 2021, law enforcement responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Cherry Street and Harvard Street in Cambridge and observed a vehicle fleeing the scene. Shortly thereafter, law enforcement located the vehicle crashed and abandoned on I-93. Through its investigation, law enforcement connected the vehicle to Alphonse and recovered video surveillance showing Alphonse in the area where the vehicle was abandoned. A search of Alphonse's residence recovered keys consistent with the make and model of the vehicle and a loaded Glock Model 43x 9mm firearm. Alphonse is prohibited from possessing a firearm and ammunition due to a previous felony conviction in February 2020 for credit card fraud.

The charge of belong a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Boston Police Acting Commissioner Gregory Long; Cambridge Police Commissioner Branville Bard; and Nikitas Splagounias, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Mackenzie Duane of Mendell's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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