

# Taunton Drug Dealer With Cache of Weapon and Ammunition Sentenced Prison

A 24-year-old Taunton man was convicted of a litany of illegal firearm-related offenses last week in Fall River Superior Court and was sentenced to serve three to five years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Frankie Wright pleaded guilty to indictments charging him with two counts of unlawful possession a firearm, seven counts of possessing a large capacity feeding device, and one count each of trafficking cocaine in excess of 18 grams, unlawful possession a firearm with a defaced serial number and unlawful possession of ammunition.

As part of an ongoing narcotics investigation initiated by Braintree Police, police executed a search warrant on the defendant's Hart Street apartment on June 21, 2018.

Once inside, and while the defendant was present, police found a .40 caliber Glock 22 handgun sticking out of a boot. The Glock contained a 15 round large capacity feeding device and was loaded with 14 rounds of ammunition including one in the chamber ready to fire.

The serial number on the Glock had been scratched off. In the closet, police found a black Glock gun box containing two 15 round large capacity Glock magazines, both loaded with ammunition. In the closet, police also found a Walther gun box containing a 15 round large capacity Walther PPQ magazine and a S&W 9 mm 15 round large capacity magazine. In the same area, police located a Sentry safe, which contained a baggie of cocaine weighing 25.98 grams, numerous boxes of ammunition, a large capacity PMAG 30 magazine, a baggie of ammunition,  $\frac{1}{2}$

used green box of sandwich bags, and paperwork.

In the same bedroom under the bed, police located a black bag containing a Palmetto State Armory PA-15 multi semi-automatic rifle, which contained a loaded 30 round large PMAG 30 magazine. The serial number on the rifle was scratched off. Also located under the bed was a backpack containing boxes of ammunition.

In the bedroom, police located an envelope containing receipts, a CR digital scale, and \$380 cash. In total, police seized two large capacity firearms that contained large capacity magazines and five additional large capacity feeding devices. □

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Carolyn Morissette and the state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Renee Dupuis.

“This defendant was in possession of large capacity firearms, ammunition and was dealing drugs. This is a very dangerous combination,” District Attorney Quinn said. “It was critical that this defendant was held from the time of his arrest as a danger to the community, which the facts demonstrate that he clearly is.”