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Press Release

Superior Court Jury Convicts in Randolph Gun Case

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A Norfolk Superior Court jury today (January 6, 2011) convicted a 49-year old Randolph man of seven separate firearms charges, District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey announced.

“Randolph Police were originally called to Elston Bone's residence on September 18, 2007 following a dispute at that residence,” District Attorney Morrissey said after the conviction. Before police arrived, Mr. Bone had left the Francis Drive, Randolph, apartment but the other party in the dispute was still on scene. While calming the other party and working to assure her safety going forward, police were led to a bedroom and shown a small cache of weapons all unlicensed and some unsecured, Morrissey said.

“This case was an example of good professional police work by the Randolph Police Department,” District Attorney Morrissey said. “The police work at the scene was exemplary and the officers involved demonstrated professionalism and great cooperation throughout the prosecution.”

The case was tried by Assistant District Attorney Carolyn Hely. Bone, DOB 09/20/1961, will be sentenced at 2 p.m. on January 12 in the Norfolk Superior Court, District Attorney Morrissey said.

The trial included about two days of testimony spread across three partial court days, Morrissey said, and the jury deliberated for roughly two hours before returning guilty verdicts on seven of the eight indictments. Bone was acquitted only of possession of a large capacity feeding device for one of the unlicensed firearms.

He was found guilty of illegal possession of a firearm, guilty of improper storage of a firearm, illegal possession of a rifle, improper storage of that rifle, and two counts of illegal possession of a shotgun.

Update: Elston Bone was sentenced Friday afternoon, January 21, by Judge Kenneth Fishman to 4 years of probation. Conditions of probation include that he shall possess no weapons or ammunition and shall not apply for a Firearm Identification Card of License to Carry a Firearm. Firearms in his possession were ordered forfeited upon the resolution of any appeals he may file. Commonwealth requested 2 years incarceration in the Norfolk County House of Correction with 5 years probation on and after that committed sentence. The maximum penalties he faced were 2 years HOC for the possession charges and 1 year HOC for the improper storage charge.