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SAN FRANCISCO MAN CONVICTED OF BEING A FELON-IN-POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION DURING SHOOTOUT ON CROWDED STREET

SAN FRANCISCO - Gregory Walker, Jr., a/k/a "Fella," was convicted yesterday of being a felon in possession of ammunition following a federal jury trial, United States Attorney Melinda Haag announced. Walker is a member of the gang known as "CDP," or "Central Divis Playas."

Evidence at trial showed that on June 3, 2010, the defendant got into a shootout on Turk and Steiner Streets in San Francisco during the evening rush hour. Children and other passersby were present at the time of the shooting, which closed down Turk Street and a nearby school for several hours. At that time, the defendant was on felony probation for illegal possession of a firearm. Surveillance cameras recorded the defendant shooting across the crowded street during rush hour at another individual who was also shooting. However, all suspects fled the scene and the defendant was not apprehended until after being shot in Oakland, California in Fall 2010.

The jury found that the defendant illegally possessed ammunition after being convicted of a felony. The guilty verdict followed a three day jury trial before U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Conti. The defendant, 20 years old, had been indicted by a federal grand jury on November 22, 2010.

The defendant has been in custody since he was charged in this case. He was detained pending trial because he posed a danger to the community and because no set of conditions

could guarantee his appearance at future proceedings. The defendant's sentencing is scheduled for August 26, 2011 before Judge Conti in San Francisco. The maximum statutory penalty is ten years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. However, any sentence following conviction would be imposed by the court after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence, 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

Tarek Helou and Kathryn Haun are the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who prosecuted the case with the assistance of Ana Guerra, Yani Osorio, and Elise Etter. The prosecution is the result of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the San Francisco Police Department's Gang Task Force.

Further Information:

Case #: CR 10-00772 SC

A copy of this press release may be found on the U.S. Attorney's Office's Web site at <u>www.usdoj.gov/usao/can</u>.

Electronic court filings and further procedural and docket information are available at <u>https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/login.pl</u>.

Judges' calendars with schedules for upcoming court hearings can be viewed on the court's Web site at <u>www.cand.uscourts.gov</u>.

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