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Subject who purchased gun that killed Corr arrested

New Hartford Police Chief Raymond L. Philo announced the arrest of Michael L. Flamer, age 22 of Chester, PA, on Federal and State of Pennsylvania charges relating to the purchase of the .40 Caliber handgun that was used to kill Officer Joseph Corr on February 27, 2006.

This arrest resulted from a 14 month long investigation by Federal, State and local authorities. A Federal Grand Jury that covers the Eastern District of Pennsylvania heard evidence and indicted Flamer on several charges relating to his purchase of several guns for individuals who could not purchase handguns on their own because of past criminal records. According to court documents, Flamer was paid a fee to purchase handguns for these individuals.

Flamer was arrested on a warrant issued by a Federal Magistrate in Pennsylvania charging him with the following crimes:

Unlicensed dealing in firearms – 1 count

Making a false statement to a Federal Firearms Licensee – 13 counts

All of these charges are Federal Felonies.

In addition to the Federal charges, Flamer will be arraigned in a State of Pennsylvania Court on charges of Making False Statements on Firearms purchase forms.

Flamer is currently being held in a jail in Philadelphia.

According to Chief Philo, "investigators assigned to the Task Force investigating the robbery of the Lennon's W.B. Wilcox Jewelry Store and the subsequent shooting death of Officer Joseph Corr, have been working with State and Federal authorities in Pennsylvania on this portion of this investigation. The investigators have been in the Philadelphia area on and off for months, being very thorough on this investigation."

“I made a commitment to the Corr family and members of The New Hartford Police Department that we would bring to justice anyone who has any criminal responsibility in the death of Joe Corr, either directly or indirectly. This arrest shows that continuing commitment”, stated Chief Philo. The Chief further commended the Oneida County District Attorney’s office for their continued support.

Officer Joseph Corr was shot and killed on the evening of February 27, 2006, after he pursued a vehicle involved in the robbery. After the vehicle crashed, the occupants ran and were pursued by Officer Corr, who was subsequently shot by Walter Richardson, of Chester PA. After shooting Corr, Richardson kidnapped a tow truck operator in the Town of Kirkland and forced him at gunpoint to drive him back to Philadelphia. Richardson was shot and killed the next day when Law Enforcement authorities located him a Chester Pa, and he shot at them.

Chief Philo indicated that even after 14 months, the criminal investigation into the robbery, and murder of Officer Corr is on-going, and more arrests are expected.