

# **New Bedford man indicted on federal drug and firearms offenses**

A New Bedford man was indicted today in federal court in Boston on drug and gun charges.

Ryan Holleran, 26, was charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine, oxycodone, and 28 grams or more of cocaine base; one count of possession of an unregistered firearm; one count of possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number; and one count of possession of a short-barreled shotgun in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

On Nov. 10, 2017, law enforcement arrested Holleran after executing a search warrant at his apartment. Police recovered an unregistered firearm – a 12-gauge Remington model 870 Express Magnum pump action shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches; a firearm with an obliterated serial number – a 5.56mm caliber Stag Arms model Stag-15 semi-automatic rifle; as well as an M-11 pistol and a Smith & Wesson revolver, over 700 rounds of assorted caliber ammunition, and 11 high capacity magazines.

The charge of possession with intent to distribute cocaine and oxycodone provides for a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, at least three years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a \$1 million fine. The charge of possession with intent to distribute 28 grams or more of cocaine base provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and no greater than 40 years in prison, at least four years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$5 million. The charge of possession of an unregistered firearm provides for a sentence of no greater

than 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$10,000 fine. The charge of possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number provides for no greater than five years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. The charge of possession of a short barreled shotgun in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime provides for a minimum sentence of 10 years and up to life in prison, up to five years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Mickey D. Leadingham, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Boston Field Division; and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christine Wichers of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

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.