

Convicted Boston felon on house arrest who flaunted firearms while on Snapchat sentenced to prison

Defendant previously convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

“BOSTON – A previously convicted felon and member of the Boston street gang “D Street” was sentenced today for illegally possessing multiple firearms and ammunition. The defendant did so while under house arrest for a state firearm charge.

Freily Cabral, 26, of Boston and Quincy, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV to 10 years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release. In August 2023, Cabral pleaded guilty to two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition and one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

In August 2021, Cabral was identified as the owner of a Snapchat account posting images and of himself in possession of five firearms: a Glock semiautomatic handgun with a flashlight attachment; a Walther semi-automatic firearm; a Taurus revolver; a semi-automatic firearm; and a silver revolver. In one of the videos, Cabral held three separate firearms to his face as if he were using the firearms to make a phone call.



Massachusetts Department of Justice photo.

A search of Cabral's Quincy residence in September 2021 resulted in the seizure of a Taurus .38 caliber revolver, a Hopkins and Allen .32 caliber revolver, .38 caliber and .32

caliber ammunition, hundreds of grams of marijuana packaged for sale and \$23,000 in cash. A search of Cabral's iPhone showed that Cabral distributed firearms and narcotics while under house arrest and a June 2021 Snapchat post where Cabral offered to sell a pistol with an extended magazine for \$1,700:

At the time of the offense, Cabral was on house arrest with electronic monitoring following a November 2020 arrest for his second unlawful possession of a firearm charge. Cabral was previously convicted in 2016 for unlawful possession of a firearm in Boston Municipal Court. In 2017, Cabral was convicted of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon in Boston Municipal Court and was sentenced to one year in prison.

The operation was conducted is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Strike Force Initiative, which provides for the establishment of permanent multi-agency task force teams that work side-by-side in the same location. This co-located model enables agents from different agencies to collaborate on intelligence-driven, multi-jurisdictional operations to disrupt and dismantle the most significant drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations. More information on the OCDETF program is available here: <https://www.justice.gov/ocdetf/about-ocdetf>.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; James M. Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Division; and Stephen Belleau, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Division made the announcement. Special assistance in the investigation was provided by the Boston, Quincy and Lynn Police Departments and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Pohl of the Narcotics & Money Laundering Unit prosecuted the case."-Massachusetts Department of Justice.