

Massachusetts Man Pleads Guilty To Making a Machine Gun

A Holyoke man pleaded guilty Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in federal court in Springfield in connection with making a machine gun.

Edward V. Laboursolier, 50, pleaded guilty to one count of knowingly possessing an unregistered firearm, one count of possessing a firearm unidentified by a serial number, and one count of making a firearm, all in violation of the National Firearms Act. U.S. District Court Judge Mark G. Mastroianni scheduled sentencing for June 5, 2019.

On April 8, 2018, Laboursolier's wife reported to law enforcement that he had been storing hazardous materials in the home. In response to the report, the home was searched, where a short-barrel rifle machine gun was recovered. Laboursolier admitted to law enforcement that he made the machine gun during the Obama administration.

The charges of receipt and possession of an unregistered firearm, receipt and possession of a firearm unidentifiable by a serial number, and making of a firearm in violation of the National Firearms Act each provide for a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Sentences are imposed based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Kelly Brady, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Boston Field Division; Colonel Kerry Gilpin, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; and Holyoke Police Chief Manuel Febo made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Deepika Bains Shukla of Lelling's Springfield Branch

Office is prosecuting the case.