

Massachusetts police seize 12 illegally-owned firearms, 3,100+ rounds of ammo, pills

An investigation by the Massachusetts State Police Crime Gun Unit, with assistance from other State Police units and Holbrook Police, resulted in the arrest Friday of a Holbrook man and the seizure of 12 illegally-owned firearms, more than 3,100 rounds of illegally-owned ammunition, and assorted pills.

State Police charged STEPHEN BUCKMAN, 53, with a host of firearm and drug charges. The investigation determined that BUCKMAN has neither a license to carry firearms nor a Firearms Identification Card.

On Thursday, July 11, based on information developed by the Massachusetts State Police, Troopers applied for and obtained a search warrant for a garage bay at 763 South St. in Holbrook, a business location affiliated with BUCKMAN, who lists his occupation as a self-employed mechanic. Early the next morning, Troopers from the Crime Gun Unit, along with Troopers from the State Police Gang Unit and State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, along with Holbrook Police Officers, set up surveillance at two locations, the garage that was the target of the warrant and BUCKMAN's residence on Juniper Street in Holbrook. Elements from the State Police Special Tactical Operations Team (MSP STOP), the department's high-risk entry and arrest unit, were also present at both locations.

At approximately 7:45 a.m. Friday, July 12, Troopers and Officers knocked and announced their presence at the South Street garage. Receiving no response, MSP STOP Troopers conducted a forced entry. No one was present in the garage,

which was secured and then searched. Members of the warrant team located and seized the following items:

11 handguns (semi-automatic pistols and revolvers);

A .22 caliber rifle;

A large volume of assorted types of ammunition, estimated to total more than 3,100 rounds;

Handgun magazines, some of them large-capacity magazines;

A pill bottle containing assorted types of pills, including Oxycodone, Suboxone, Methadone, Clonazepam, Trazadone, Nuloxone, and Cyclobenzaprine, wrapped in clear plastic baggies with knotted ends;

A scale;

Firearms cases; and

A special police officer's badge.

State Police photographed and secured the seized evidence. Several of the firearms had previously been reported stolen, and a pistol and a revolver appeared to have defaced serial numbers.

At approximately 11 a.m., Troopers and Officers approached BUCKMAN's Juniper Street home and knocked on the door and announced themselves. BUCKMAN came to the door and was notified that he was under arrest. Troopers transported BUCKMAN to State Police-Milton, where he was booked on the following charges:

Illegal possession of a firearm (12 counts);

– Improper storage of firearms;

– Possession of firearms with defaced serial numbers;

– Possession of a Class B substance with intent to distribute;

– Possession of a Class E substance with intent to distribute;

– Possession of a firearm in commission of a felony; and

– Receiving stolen property (2 counts).

BUCKMAN also is currently on probation for possession of heroin with intent to distribute.

Following BUCKMAN's booking, Troopers transported him to the Norfolk County Jail, where he is being held this weekend. He will be arraigned tomorrow in Quincy District Court.