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**ONE MAN UNDER ARREST, TWO GUNS SEIZED BY STATE POLICE IN  
MIDDLEBORO**

**BROCKTON** – State Police seized two guns off of the streets of Middleboro and arrested a man on charges that he unlawfully possessed the firearms, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

As part of an investigation by Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, information was developed that 47-year-old David Melville of Middleboro, was allegedly selling firearms within Plymouth County. As a result, detectives sought and obtained a search warrant for Melville's vehicle, a black GMC Sierra truck.

At approximately 5:15 pm on Monday, State Police located Melville and the vehicle at a store in Middleboro. State Police approached and the search was executed and Melville was found to be in possession of two firearms – a .357 Ruger and a .22 Ruger. Detectives determined that the firearms had defaced serial numbers and seized an ammunition feeding device and ammunition.

State Police placed Melville under arrest and he was arraigned today in Wareham District Court on two counts each of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Possession of a Firearm with a Defaced Serial Number, and one count each of Unlawful Possession of Ammunition and Unlawful Possession of a Feeding Device. Melville pleaded not guilty and the Commonwealth requested that he be held on \$10,000 cash bail with the condition that should he make bail, he wear a GPS monitoring bracelet.

The investigation was conducted by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, with assistance from State Police CINRET, State Police STOP Team, the State Police Gang Unit, and Middleboro Police.

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