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**BROCKTON MAN INDICTED ON FIREARMS CHARGES**

**BROCKTON** -- A Brockton man has been indicted on firearms charges for allegedly possessing a loaded firearm and large capacity feeding device and transporting it into Massachusetts, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

On Friday, September 28, 2018, a Plymouth County Grand Jury returned indictments against 26-year-old Patrick Ricketts of Brockton. Ricketts was indicted on one count each of Transporting a Firearm into the Commonwealth, Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device, Possession of Firearm without FID, and Possession of Ammunition without FID.

The indictments are the result of an investigation by members of Massachusetts State Police Crime Gun Unit and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) into allegations that Ricketts was participating in the transportation of firearms across state lines. On July 23, 2018, members of law enforcement sought and obtained search warrants for Ricketts's residence. While executing the search, law enforcement located a 9mm Taurus model G2 firearm, loaded with 12, 9mm rounds in the magazine. Officers additionally located 32 rounds of assorted caliber ammunition in the home.

State Police and ATF further developed information over the course of their investigation that that firearm had been purchased in Virginia by a third party. Investigation further revealed that Ricketts had driven back from Virginia on the day the search warrant was executed and that officers located the firearm in the suitcase that he had been traveling with.

Ricketts will be arraigned on the charges in Brockton Superior Court at a later date.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kaitlyn O'Leary and was investigated by Massachusetts State Police Crime Gun Unit, the ATF and Brockton Police.