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**BROCKTON MAN ARRAIGNED ON FIREARM AND DRUG RELATED CHARGES,
INCLUDING MACHINE GUN POSSESSION**

BROCKTON – A Brockton man was arraigned on 26 criminal charges yesterday, including Machine Gun Possession, following an investigation by Massachusetts State Police's Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team (CINRET) and the FBI, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Felipe Jonet-Branco, 31, was arraigned in Brockton District Court and charged with one count of Machine Gun Possession, 10 counts of Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device, 10 counts of Possession of a Firearm without a Firearm Identification Card, three counts of Drug Possession with Intent to Distribute, and one count each of Receiving Stolen Property and Possession of Ammunition Without a Firearm Identification Card. A district court judge held Jonet-Branco without bail after the Commonwealth moved for a dangerousness hearing.

Jonet-Branco became known to CINRET investigators and the FBI after an investigation into the defendant's alleged associates. During the course of their investigation, law enforcement found that Jonet-Branco owned and operated a business establishment on Crescent Street in Brockton and obtained evidence it was a central location for a criminal enterprise. On February 4, CINRET, the FBI and Brockton and Randolph Police executed a search warrant on Jonet-Branco's Crescent Street business and apprehended Jonet-Branco during a traffic stop.

As a result of the search warrant, investigators seized several firearms — including a Glock machine gun located in a hidden compartment — as well as Marijuana, Psilocybin and Codeine. A number of the firearms seized at Jonet-Branco's store were loaded with high-capacity magazines.

Jonet-Branco is next scheduled to appear in court for a dangerousness hearing on February 9.