



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

Subject : Numerous weapons seized from a local firearms dealer

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The Redondo Beach Police Department's Special Investigations Unit arrested a Gardena resident today for the illegal sales of firearms from his home. George Cronin, a 62 year old licensed firearms dealer, was taken into custody about 11:00 a.m. for illegally selling firearms to undercover Redondo Beach Police detectives.

Detectives initiated the investigation in late 2009 when they learned Cronin was selling firearms without completing the required state and federal documentation. Undercover Redondo Beach detectives purchased numerous firearms from Cronin without completing any documentation or waiting the required 10 day waiting period.

The investigation culminated today, when Redondo Beach Police detectives and Agents from the Department of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms searched Cronin's home and seized 82 firearms. Among the items seized were shotguns, handguns, rifles, an unregistered assault rifle and silencers.

Cronin is being held at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Lennox Station jail on weapons charges. His bail is set at \$ 10,000.00. He is expected to appear in Torrance court on May 13, 2010.

This press release was prepared by Sgt. Jon Naylor