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Straw Purchaser Arrested and Charged with Four Felonies

CHICAGO- On September 27, 2016, the Firearm Investigation Team concluded an investigation of a FOID card holder who illegally put guns on the street. The investigation revealed that Simone Mousheh, a twenty two year old female, purchased a Glock 23, a 40 caliber firearm but soon thereafter reported it stolen. The weapon was later recovered from a juvenile offender in the 010th police district. Mousheh called Sgt. Dickerson from the Firearms Investigation Team and inquired as to how to get her stolen firearm back. Further investigation by Sgt. Dickerson's team revealed that Mousheh had purchased four Glock firearms within the span of 6 months. Each weapon costs approximately \$600.00.

Mousheh currently works in a chocolate factory with no known additional source of income. Mousheh had also made a \$1000.00 cash deposit on a FN, model Five-Seven, caliber 5.7 x 28 firearm. This firearm, which was originally designed for the military, is capable of firing a round that can pierce a bullet proof vest. The weapon costs about \$1300.00.

Mousheh related that she gave a Glock model 22, .40 caliber firearm to Jayson Barber. Barber resides in Hoffman Estates, but during an interview with Chicago Police he related that he has ties to Chicago gangs.

Mousheh sold the weapon to Barber, whom she met on FACEBOOK, nine days after she purchased it. This was the second weapon that Barber purchased from Mousheh. She was aware that he did not possess an FOID card and that he was on probation for domestic battery. (Mousheh admitted that she had checked his probation status on the Cook County website.) The officers allowed Mousheh to contact Barber, and the weapon was returned to her residence.

The officers recovered the .40 caliber Glock, along with another gun that Mousheh stored at her residence. Also recovered was a box of 5.7 x 28 ammunition. Charges were approved for two counts of felony Illegal Transfer of Firearms and two felony counts of selling a Firearm w/o Valid FOID.

One weapon still remains on the street. Simone Mousheh lives in Mount Prospect, has no previous arrests and no ties to gangs, felons, or violence. The Firearm investigations Team say she is not an uncommon example of a female with a valid FOID that illegally sells guns for profit. She faces four felonies and will be eligible for a low bond based on her background. History has shown that these cases usually result in a plea of guilty in exchange for felony probation. Mousheh placed three semi-automatic firearms on the street, and was in possession of ammunition that is capable of piercing a bullet proof vest. She further admitted to purchasing a 50 round magazine for a Glock firearm. The felony arrest is not expected to result in jail time, but will result in a permanent revocation of her FOID card.

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