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BROCKTON WOMAN SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON ON GUN CHARGES

PLYMOUTH – A Brockton woman who pleaded guilty to gun charges has been sentenced to State Prison, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Terri Wooten (DOB: 10/3/80) of Brockton, pleaded guilty on Monday to one count each of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition and Sale of a Firearm. Plymouth Superior Court Judge Mark Hallal sentenced Wooten to serve 2 ½ to 2 ½ and one day in State Prison for the Unlawful Sale of a Firearm count, as well as to two years in the House of Correction on both the Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition counts.

The case was referred to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which, during the month of August, 2017, conducted a controlled purchase on August 7, 2017 of a 9 mm firearm, two magazines, and ammunition. Wooten assisted a co-defendant in selling the guns and ammunition at their shared apartment on Falmouth Avenue in Brockton. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joseph Janezic and was investigated by the FBI, the Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit and Boston Police Department Special Investigations Unit.

"Firearm violence fueled by readily available illegal weapons is all too prevalent in the cities of our Commonwealth," DA Cruz said. "Stemming the flow of crime guns into Brockton and other communities is a top priority of not just my office, but also our local, state and federal partners, who work tirelessly not just to take illegal guns off the streets, but to identify and prosecute their source wherever possible. I want to thank our partners at the FBI, US Attorney Lelling and the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit, and Commissioner Gross and the Boston Police Department, for all their hard work on this case."

On Monday, Wooten also pleaded guilty in conjunction with a 2017 case in which she was charged with Distribution of Cocaine/Trafficking in Cocaine Over 18 grams. She

was sentenced to 2 ½ years to 2 ½ years and one day in conjunction with that matter, as well. The execution of the search warrant took place at the same Falmouth Street address at which the August, 2017, controlled purchase of the firearm occurred.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joshua Gedraitis and was investigated by the Brockton Police Department, State Police Gang Unit, and State Police Plymouth County DA's Detective Unit.

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