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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Search Warrants Executed at Constable's Residence, Office and Storage Facilities**

Boulder City police officers, assisted by agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), executed search warrants at the residence and office of Chief Constable Larry Markotay on March 11. Search warrants were also executed on three separate storage areas rented by Markotay in Boulder City.

Officers recovered approximately 85 firearms, including 35 rifles and six shotguns. At least two of the rifles were fully-automatic. Over two dozen badges from various agencies, to include a Boulder City police captain's badge, were seized. A firearm with an obliterated serial number, and several items of drug paraphernalia, were recovered from Markotay's office at 505 Avenue G, Boulder City.

Markotay, in his capacity as an elected constable, is permitted to order firearms, including fully-automatic rifles, for official law enforcement use. However, detailed records of such transactions are missing or non-existent.

The ATF assisted in the investigation because the quantity and type of firearms appear to exceed the operational requirements of the Boulder Township Constable's office. The DEA assisted because of credible information that Markotay has obtained excessive quantities of prescription medication.

Questions concerning the status of the firearms or pertinent statutes and regulations should be addressed to Resident Agency in Charge Thomas L. Chittum, III of the Las Vegas ATF.

Investigation continues by the Boulder City police.

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