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### **STATE POLICE INVESTIGATE WEAPONS THEFT FROM STATE AGENCY *4 Arrested & Missing Weapons Recovered by Local, State, & Federal Police***

RICHMOND – The Richmond Field Office of the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation, in cooperation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and Richmond Police Department, is investigating a theft of weapons from the Virginia Department of General Services (DGS).

Upon request of the DGS, State Police initiated its investigation on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, into the disappearance of a collection of weapons from a DGS secured warehouse.

Approximately a dozen of the stolen weapons, which were surplus state inventory, have been recovered through the investigative efforts of the ATF, Richmond Police, and Virginia State Police.

Four individuals, including two DGS employees, were arrested over the weekend on federal firearms charges for their alleged involvement in the thefts. Each faces one charge of unlawfully receiving, possessing, and/or selling a stolen firearm which traveled in interstate and/or foreign commerce (*Title 18 US Code, Section(s) 922(j)*).

Ralphfield C. Sinkley, 26, of the 6500 block of Watchspring Court in Chesterfield, Va., and Antre R. Worthington, 23, of the 3600 block of Montclair Road in Richmond, Va., were both employed by DGS at the time of the thefts.

Also arrested as part of the investigation were Donald M. Cotton, 23, of the 600 block of Montvale Court in Richmond, Va., and Larry Michael Logan Jr., 25, of the 2700 block of Martingale Road in Chesterfield, Va.

Additional charges are pending. The investigation remains ongoing at this time.

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