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Federal Warrant Issued for Lauchli's Arrest

A federal warrant was issued Monday for the arrest of Richard A. Lauchli Jr., 40, of Collinsville, Mo., on charges of interstate transportation of firearms. Lauchli, convicted three times before for violation of federal firearms law, was sentenced May 25 at Des Moines, Iowa. He was to have appeared in court Monday for removal to Iowa where he was scheduled to stand trial.

Lauchli's previous convictions included a 1947 conviction on illegal possession of firearms, a 1950 conviction of the theft of guns and rocket launchers, and a 1955 conviction on charges of illegal sale, shipment and manufacture of weapons.

Once a regional leader of the Illinois "Minutemen," a militant anti-Communist organization, Lauchli's last arrest in Illinois was at an abandoned farm near Clinton. Government agents said they found an arsenal of weapons in a barn on the farm.

The government said the weapons included aerial bombs, automatic weapons and a cannon.

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Man Sentenced Here Pleads In Missouri

JOHN MO., AP—Richard A. Lauchli Jr., 40, of Collinsville, Mo., pleaded guilty Tuesday to a charge of transferring machine guns without paying a federal tax.

Judge Elmer B. Hunter of U.S. District Court sentenced Lauchli and ordered the case to Missouri.

Lauchli, former Illinois head of the Minutemen, was indicted in November by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. He is now serving a 2 1/2 year term in Terre Haute, Ind., for a similar offense.

Lauchli was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in the Terre Haute penitentiary last Nov. 29 by Judge Omer Poos in Springfield's U.S. District Court on charges of illegal sale of weapons. He was found guilty of illegal sale and manufacture of firearms. The charge came after federal agents posing as representatives of a Latin American nation bought weapons from Lauchli for \$17,000.

Lauchli, 40, was found guilty Friday of setting a .50 caliber machine gun without having purchased a special \$250 tax stamp on the weapon as required by the national Firearms Act.

Lauchli had been tried in Joplin, Mo., earlier this month before U.S. District Judge William H. Collinson. Collinson added the 18 months to Lauchli's sentence Monday.

The judge ruled that the serving of the 18-month sentence is to begin after Lauchli finishes the 2 1/2 year term in the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

U.S. District Judge Omer Poos sentenced Lauchli in Springfield Nov. 29, 1965, to the 2 1/2 year imprisonment on a charge of illegal sale and manufacture of firearms.

Lauchli was arrested in 1964 after federal agents posing as representatives of a Latin American nation bought weapons from him for \$17,000. The weapons stored in an abandoned barn near Clinton included aerial bombs, automatic weapons and a cannon.

Ex-'Minuteman' Waives Hearing

Richard Lauchli Jr., of Collinsville, has agreed to appear in Des Moines, Iowa July 27 for arraignment on a charge of illegally shipping a mortar from Missouri to Council Bluffs.

Lauchli, 33, once a leader of the Illinois "Minutemen," an anti-Communist organization, waived a removal hearing Thursday in U.S. District Court.

Lauchli was convicted in Springfield in October of illegal sale, shipment and manufacture of guns. He is free on bond pending an appeal of his 2 1/2 year sentence.

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