Earlier this year, the CASE Team received a tip and launched an investigation into a person who allegedly obtained Glock conversion switches. When installed, these switches allow the pistol to fire in a full automatic mode. These switches are considered machine guns, which are illegal.

CASE later obtained a search warrant for the suspect and his residence. On Thursday, June 20, 2019, the CASE Team executed the search warrant at the suspect’s residence in Foster City.

CASE recovered the following from the residence:
- Glock converter switches (4)
- 5.56 caliber AR-15 style assault rifles (3)
- 5.56 caliber machine gun with an attached silencer and grenade launcher
- 9mm assault pistol (2)
- 37mm incendiary rounds (2)
- Large capacity magazines (23)

CASE arrested 41-year-old Joseph Holmes of Foster City without incident. He was arrested for possession of a machine gun, possession of an assault rifle, manufacturing an assault rifle, possession of a silencer, possession of a destructive device, illegal transfer of a firearm, importation of large capacity magazines and possession of an explosive agent. The investigation will be forwarded to the Contra Costa D.A.’s Office for prosecution.

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