

## ILLEGAL GUN AND AMMO FOUND IN CITY CENTRE FLAT

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DRUG squad officers found an illegal gun inside one of Cardiff's new apartment blocks.

The BBN Bruni pistol, which was loaded with live ammunition, was shown to a jury yesterday at Cardiff Crown Court.

Prosecutor Meirion Davies said the firearm was discovered in a black Gucci bag in one of the two 40-apartment blocks at Landmark Place, Churchill Way, in April last year.

Leroy McCalla, 23, whose home is in Colls Road, London, was arrested at the apartment. He denies being in possession of the pistol and two bulleted cartridges but has pleaded guilty to being the owner of a quantity of cannabis bush seized at the same time.

"Some of the cannabis was on him and a small amount was in the bag along with the gun, ammunition and a rubber glove with his blood on it," Mr Davies told the court.

The owner of the one-bedroom flat McCalla was in told the court how she rented it out through an agency in Cathays, which found tenants who arrived just three days later. Two months later – in January – she discovered a friend of the tenant living there but he was arrested four weeks later.

Jane Proctor said after a month of her trying to reach the original tenant by phone she was eventually told by him that he was allowing another man – McCalla – to stay there while he was stuck in London.

"He told me he intended coming back but I've never seen him since," Mrs Proctor said. "When I went to the apartment for the rent the following month, Leroy was there with five other men – then in April he was arrested too."

She agreed that some property belonging to the original tenant had still been there when she eventually recovered the apartment.

Mr Davies said forensic experts had declared the firearm to be a prohibited weapon, capable of being fired.

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