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ADDITIONAL FEDERAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST ROCKFORD MAN FOR THREATENING AND TAMPERING WITH WITNESSES

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, today made the following announcement:

A federal grand jury in Rockford today issued a superseding indictment bringing three additional federal charges against **DAVID H. ENGLAND**, 26, Rockford. England had been indicted on November 23, 2004, and charged with being a felon-in-possession of a firearm. The superseding indictment returned today contained that charge and added federal charges of threatening and tampering with prospective witnesses.

The new charges in the superseding indictment allege that England attempted to persuade witnesses to provide him with a false alibi and to hide a vehicle in which England's 9mm pistol was concealed. The superseding indictment also charges England with threatening to kill a witness in an attempt to prevent that witness from testifying.

If convicted, England faces a possible sentence of up to 10 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each of the four charges.

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. It will be prosecuted in United States District Court by Assistant United States Attorney MONICA V. MALLORY.

Members of the public are reminded that a superseding indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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