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**ROCKFORD RESIDENT CHARGED WITH FEDERAL  
FIREARMS AND DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIMES**

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, JOSEPH BRUSCATO, Winnebago County State's Attorney, and RICHARD A. MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff, today announced:

A federal grand jury in Rockford today returned an indictment charging **VICTOR TRUJILLO-MURO**, 32, Rockford, Illinois with committing three firearms and drug trafficking crimes on February 25, 2010, in Rockford. Trujillo-Muro was charged with possession of a "sawed-off" shotgun, possession, with the intent to distribute, of five kilograms of marijuana, and possession of the "sawed-off" shotgun and an AK-47 assault rifle by an alien illegally in the United States.

If convicted of possessing a "sawed-off" shotgun or possession of a firearm by an alien illegally in the United States, Trujillo-Muro faces up to 10 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000 for each count. If convicted of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, Trujillo-Muro faces up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Members of the public are reminded that an 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.

Trujillo-Muro was originally charged in state court, and is now charged in federal court under tough federal firearms laws as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods program. Project Safe Neighborhoods is an intensive, cooperative effort between local, state, and federal law enforcement to attack gun crimes. The cornerstone of the program is that every defendant committing an offense involving a gun will be reviewed for possible federal prosecution in order to obtain the harshest penalties for the worst offenders. Additional information about Project Safe Neighborhoods may be found at [www.psn.gov](http://www.psn.gov).

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Rockford Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. It will be prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney JOHN G. McKENZIE.

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