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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MILWAUKEE COUPLE CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY

Robin Brant, 23, and Tiran Jenkins, 31, both of Milwaukee, Wis., are charged with armed bank robbery and brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Jenkins is also charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that Brant and Jenkins robbed Bank Mutual, 5320 Monona Drive, Monona, Wis., on April 24, 2010. The indictment also alleges that during the bank robbery, they brandished a loaded .38 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

If convicted, Brant and Jenkins face a maximum penalty of 25 years in federal prison on the bank robbery charge, and a mandatory minimum seven years in federal prison on the brandishing a firearm charge, to be served consecutive to a sentence imposed on the bank robbery charge. Jenkins faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison on the felon in possession of a firearm charge.

The charges against Brant and Jenkins are the result of an investigation by the Monona Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

MADISON MAN FACES CHARGES RELATED TO ARMED ROBBERY

Berry Carr, 21, Madison, Wis., is charged in a superseding indictment with obstructing commerce by robbery, brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that he obstructed commerce by robbing the Stop N' Go, 2932 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, Wis., on December 26, 2009, and that he brandished a firearm during the robbery. The indictment also alleges that on March 8, 2010, he possessed an 9mm pistol and a .357 magnum

revolver.

Carr was indicted on the felon in possession of a firearm charge on April 7, 2010. He was arraigned on April 9, 2010, and was detained in custody pending his trial, which has been scheduled for July 6, 2010.

If convicted, Carr faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on the interference with commerce charge, and a mandatory minimum seven years in federal prison on the brandishing a firearm charge, to be served consecutive to a sentence imposed on the interference with commerce charge. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison on the felon in possession of firearms charge.

The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department, Fitchburg Police Department, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

Raymone Houston, 29, Chicago, and Dennis G. Rogers, 33, Madison, Wis., are charged in a superseding indictment with conspiring to possess 50 grams or more of crack cocaine with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that the conspiracy operated from September 2009 to February 2010. The indictment also charges Houston and Rogers with distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine on six occasions from September 2009 through January 2010, and with possessing 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on February 3, 2010, with intent to distribute.

Houston and Rogers were indicted by the grand jury on related charges on February 17, 2010. Rogers was arraigned on February 18 and Houston was arraigned on March 25; their trial is scheduled for June 7, 2010.

If convicted, Houston and Rogers face a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in federal prison on the conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute charges. On each of the six distribution counts, they face a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison.

The charges against Houston and Rogers are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Michael R. George, 25, Madison, Wis., is charged with being a felon in possession

of a firearm and ammunition. The indictment alleges that on March 9, 2010, he possessed a .40 caliber handgun and ammunition.

If convicted, George faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

TWO MADISON MEN CHARGED WITH MANUFACTURING MARIJUANA

Curtis John Faustich, 23, and Zachary Allen Czerkas, 18, both of Madison, Wis., are charged with manufacturing marijuana. The indictment alleges that they manufactured 100 or more marijuana plants.

If convicted, Faustich and Czerkas face a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against them is the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

EAGLE RIVER MAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT FROM U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Stephen Muse, 46, Eagle River, Wis., is charged with embezzling over \$1,000 belonging to the U.S. Postal Service. The indictment alleges that he embezzled the funds on January 5, 2010.

If convicted, Muse faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

In unrelated cases, two citizens of Mexico are charged with illegally re-entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictments charge Juan Manuel Ochoa-Montoya, 44, found in Dane County on April 15, 2010, and Daniel Sandoval-Velasquez, 45, found in Lafayette County on April 20, 2010.

If convicted, Ochoa-Montoya and Sandoval-Velasquez face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charges against them are the result of investigations by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of these cases has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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