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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

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

SOUTH BELOIT WOMAN CHARGED WITH PREPARING FALSE TAX RETURNS

Dawn M. Shick, 48, South Beloit, Ill., is charged with 28 counts of preparing and filing false and fraudulent individual income tax returns for taxpayers for tax year 2007. The indictment alleges that the returns contained inflated business expenses, reduced business income, inflated employee business expenses, and inflated non-cash charitable contributions, resulting in larger refunds or reduced taxes owing.

If convicted, Shick faces a maximum penalty of three years in federal prison on each count. The charges against her are the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

SCHOFIELD WOMAN CHARGED WITH FAILING TO PAY TAXES FOR EMPLOYEES OF HER ACCOUNTING BUSINESS

Judy M. Hettinga, 66, Schofield, Wis., is charged with 20 counts of failing to pay to the Internal Revenue Service all federal income taxes withheld and Medicare and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes due on behalf of the employees of Mesenberg & Bird Tax & Accounting. The indictment alleges that this occurred from 2004 through 2008. According to the indictment, Hettinga owned and operated the sole proprietorship accounting business called Mesenberg & Bird Tax & Accounting, where at various times material to the indictment, she employed four or five persons.

If convicted, Hettinga faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison on

each count. The charges against her are the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz.

FITCHBURG MAN CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING IMAGES OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VIA THE INTERNET

Gregory Hammond, 42, Fitchburg, Wis., is charged with transporting via an Internet website three visual depictions involving the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment alleges that he transported the images on August 1, 2009. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of any property used to commit the offense alleged, including computers and associated hard drives.

If convicted, Hammond faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement; the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; and Fitchburg Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG & GUN CRIMES

Thomas H. Brown, 23, Madison, Wis., is charged with distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 1, 2010, and with distributing 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on March 9, 2010. The indictment also alleges that he was a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that he possessed a .45 caliber semi-automatic firearm on March 9, 2010.

If convicted, Brown faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison on the count charging distribution of five grams or more of crack cocaine, a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in federal prison on the count charging distribution of 50 grams or more of crack cocaine, and 10 years in federal prison on the gun charge. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE

Victor H. DeSantiago-Tinoco, 31, and Javier P. Cabrera, 30, both of Madison, Wis., are charged with distributing 500 grams or more of cocaine. The indictment alleges that they distributed cocaine on March 23, 2010.

If convicted, DeSantiago-Tinoco and Cabrera face a mandatory minimum penalty

of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison. The charge against them is the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Drug Enforcement Administration; and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

Merari Garcia-Arcos, 26, a citizen of Mexico living in Darlington, Wis., is charged with being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that he possessed a .22 caliber pistol on March 24, 2010.

If convicted, Garcia-Arcos faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department and U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

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