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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.

WAUSAU MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING CRACK COCAINE

Eric Maholmes, 29, Wausau, Wis., is charged with possessing 28 grams or more of crack cocaine with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he possessed the crack cocaine on October 9, 2010.

If convicted, Maholmes faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Marathon County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

LA CROSSE MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING METHAMPHETAMINE

Larry Bailey, 37, La Crosse, Wis., is charged with two counts of distributing methamphetamine. The indictment alleges that he distributed methamphetamine on September 19 and 23, 2010.

If convicted, Bailey faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Vernon and La Crosse County Sheriffs' Departments. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

SUN PRAIRIE MAN INDICTED ON COCAINE CHARGE

Timothy Lee, 28, Sun Prairie, Wis., is charged with distributing cocaine. The indictment alleges that he distributed cocaine on September 30, 2010.

If convicted, Lee faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

STODDARD RESIDENTS FACE ADDITIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGES

Christopher Polus, 33, and Angela Davis, 33, both of Stoddard, Wis., are charged in a superseding indictment with conspiracy to possess pseudoephedrine for use in manufacturing methamphetamine and with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The indictment alleges that the conspiracy operated from March 2010 through September 29, 2010.

The indictment also charges Polus and Davis with attempting to manufacture methamphetamine on September 29, 2010. Polus is also charged with three counts of distributing methamphetamine. The indictment alleges that he distributed methamphetamine on September 19, 23, and 29, 2010.

Polus and Davis were originally charged in an indictment returned by the grand jury on October 6, 2010. Their trial date has been set for February 28, 2011.

If convicted, Polus and Davis face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against them are the result of an investigation by the Vernon County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

Juan Miguel Perez-Arellano, 33, a citizen of Mexico found in Wood County, Wis., is charged with illegally re-entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that he was found in the United States on December 9, 2010.

If convicted, Perez-Arellano faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.