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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.

PENNSYLVANIA MAN CHARGED WITH JANESVILLE BANK ROBBERY

Michael C. Funk, 25, Lebanon, Pa., is charged with the armed robbery of Mid America Bank in Janesville. The indictment charges Funk with robbing the bank on August 6, 2010 and with brandishing a firearm during the robbery.

If convicted, Funk faces a maximum penalty of 25 years in federal prison on the bank robbery count, and a consecutive seven years on the brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Janesville Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Belvidere (Ill.) Police Department, and King County (Wash.) Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

MOUNT HOREB MAN CHARGED WITH TAX EVASION

Dale Scholl, 57, Mount Horeb, Wis., is charged with three counts of filing false income tax returns, and one count of obstructing the administration of the internal revenue laws. The indictment alleges that Scholl filed false individual income tax returns for the calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006, in which he under-reported his adjusted gross income.

The indictment also alleges that Scholl obstructed the administration of the internal revenue laws by providing false information to the IRS during audits, by providing misleading documents and withholding documents and records requested by the IRS during an audit, and by filing a petition with the U.S. Tax Court that contained false information.

If convicted, Scholl faces a maximum penalty of three years in federal prison on each

count. The charges against him are the result of investigation by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

TWO STODDARD RESIDENTS FACE METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGES

Christopher Polus, 33, and Angela Davis, 33, both of Stoddard, Wis., are charged with possessing pseudoephedrine to be used to manufacture methamphetamine. The indictment also charges them with manufacturing methamphetamine on September 29, 2010, and doing so at a premises where an individual under the age of 18 resided.

If convicted, Polus and Davis face a maximum penalty of 10 years on the possession of pseudoephedrine count, and 20 years on each of the other two counts. 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.

DULUTH MAN FACES ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF TRANSPORTING STOLEN VEHICLES ACROSS STATE LINES

Gale E. Rachuy, 60, Duluth, Minn., is charged in a superseding indictment with five counts of interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles. Rachuy was indicted on September 1, 2010, on four counts of interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles. He was arraigned on September 3 and his trial is scheduled for January 11, 2011.

If convicted, Rachuy faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Eau Claire office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Superior Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Duluth Police Department, and Carlton County (Minnesota) Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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 Tomas Luis Nieblas-Estrella, 35, found in Lafayette County on May 20, 2010, and Juan Manuel Larios-Buentello, 45, found in Barron County on August 1, 2010.

If convicted, Nieblas-Estrella and Larios-Buentello 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 Office of Homeland Security Investigations. The prosecution of these cases has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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