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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.

TWO CHARGED WITH ARMED ROBBERIES

Carl B. Potts, 29, and Christopher J. Singleman, 27, both of Madison, Wis., are charged in a superseding indictment with conspiracy to obstruct interstate commerce by robbery. The indictment alleges that Potts and Singleman planned armed robberies of businesses, and they and two other currently unindicted individuals, identified in the indictment as Individual A and Individual B, committed the robberies. The overt acts alleged in the indictment as part of this conspiracy include:

1. On April 24, 2010, Singleman and Individual A robbed at gunpoint the AmericInn on Grand Canyon Drive in Madison;
2. On April 26, 2010, Singleman and Individual A robbed at gunpoint the Country Inn and Suites on Nesbitt Road in Fitchburg, Wis.;
3. On April 29, 2010, Singleman and Individual A robbed at gunpoint Steve's Liquor on Mineral Point Road in Madison;
4. On May 1, 2010, Singleman and Individual B robbed at gunpoint the AmericInn on Grand Canyon Drive in Madison;
5. On May 3, 2010, Individual B drove Singleman and Individual A to Midwest Jewelers on Monona Drive in Monona, Wis., and Singleman and Individual A robbed the business at gunpoint;
6. On May 6, 2010, Singleman and Individual B robbed at gunpoint the Road Star Inn on Seybold Road in Madison;
7. On May 10, 2010, Potts, Singleman and Individual A robbed at gunpoint Steve's Liquor on Mineral Point Road in Madison.

The indictment also charges Singleman with obstructing commerce by robbing a

business engaged in interstate commerce, specifically Steve's Liquor, on April 29, 2010, by brandishing a short-barreled shotgun. Count Three of the Indictment charges Singleman with using a firearm, a short-barreled shotgun, during a crime of violence. Count Four charges Potts and Singleman with obstructing commerce by robbing a business engaged in interstate commerce, specifically Steve's Liquor, on May 10, 2010, using a handgun. Count Five charges Potts and Singleman with being felons in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that on May 11, 2010, they possessed a .22 caliber pistol.

Potts and Singleman were charged with being felons in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by the grand jury on August 11, 2010. They have both been detained in custody pending trial, which has been scheduled for January 10, 2011.

If convicted, Potts and Singleman face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on the interfering with commerce counts, and 10 years in federal prison on the felon in possession count. Singleman also faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 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. The charges against them are the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department, Fitchburg Police Department, Monona Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's 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.

HAYWARD MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING STEROID

Michael Wozny, 32, Hayward, Wis., is charged with possessing an anabolic steroid with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he possessed the drug on November 1, 2007.

If convicted, Wozny faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Food and Drug Administration, Office of Criminal Investigations. The prosecution of this case will be handled by United States Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

THREE MONROE MEN FACE COCAINE CHARGES

Fernando Garcia, 30, Jorge Flores Torres, 24, and Raul Rodriguez Almanza, 20, all of Monroe, Wis., are charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine. The indictment alleges that the conspiracy operated from about March 2010 to August 23, 2010. The indictment also charges Jorge Flores Torres with distributing cocaine, Raul Rodriguez Almanza with three counts of possessing cocaine with intent to distribute, and Fernando Garcia with four counts of distributing cocaine.

These three men were charged in a complaint filed in U.S. District Court on August 24, 2010. They were arrested in Monroe on August 23. They made an initial appearance

in federal court in Madison on August 24 and were ordered held in custody pending their arraignments, which are scheduled for September 3 and September 7.

If convicted, Fernando Garcia, Jorge Flores Torres, and Raul Rodriguez Almanza each face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against the defendants are the result of an investigation conducted by the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), Illinois State Police, Monroe Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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