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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.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Carmelo Salgado-Lopez, 19, Madison, Wis., is charged with receiving a firearm while charged in state court with a felony. The indictment alleges that on August 7, 2010, while charged in Dane County Circuit Court, Salgado-Lopez received a 9mm pistol. Federal law prohibits persons awaiting trial on a felony charge from possessing a firearm.

If convicted, Salgado-Lopez faces a maximum penalty of five 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 Rita M. Rumbelow.

MONROE MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM & AMMUNITION

John R. Karls, 46, Monroe, Wis., is charged with illegally possessing a firearm and ammunition while subject to a restraining order. The indictment alleges that on February 16, 2011, while subject to a court order in Dane County Circuit Court which restrained him from threatening an intimate partner, Karls possessed a .357 caliber revolver and ammunition. Federal law prohibits persons subject to a domestic restraining order from possessing a firearm.

If convicted, Karls faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the DeForest 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.

MILLTOWN MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY DEALING IN FIREARMS

Raymond Lissy, 24, Milltown, Wis., is charged with engaging in the business of dealing in firearms while not a licensed dealer of firearms under federal law. The indictment alleges that he engaged in the business of dealing in firearms from January 2009 to November 2010.

If convicted, Lissy faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

EAU CLAIRE MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING CRACK COCAINE

Maurice L. Maxwell, 48, Eau Claire, Wis., is charged with possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that on July 29, 2010, Maxwell possessed five grams or more of crack cocaine.

If convicted, Maxwell 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 West Central Drug Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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