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FOUR DEFENDANTS INDICTED ON FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that four defendants have been indicted by a federal grand jury on separate and unrelated firearms violations.

* **Larry E. Boan**, 40, of Jasper, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned today by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield. Count One of the indictment alleges that **Boan** was in possession of a Winchester .22 caliber rifle, a Remington 25.06 caliber rifle, and ammunition, on December 16, 2002 in Jasper County, Mo. Possession of any firearm at that time would have been illegal, Graves explained, due to **Boan's** 1992 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated and because **Boan** is allegedly an unlawful user of methamphetamine. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Boan** was in possession of methamphetamine on December 16, 2002, in Jasper County, Mo.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

* **Kerry Brooks**, 38, was charged in a two-count indictment returned December 18, 2002, by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield. Count One of the indictment alleges that **Brooks** was in possession of a Ruger .22 caliber revolver on October 21, 2002 in Greene County. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Brooks** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver on November 5, 2002 in Greene County. Possession of any firearm at those times would have been illegal, Graves explained, due to **Brooks'** 1983 criminal felony conviction for robbery in St. Louis, Mo.; his 1983 criminal felony conviction for attempted robbery in St. Louis, Mo.; his 1992 criminal felony conviction for sale of a controlled substance in St. Louis, Mo.; and his 1998 criminal felony conviction for sale of a controlled substance near a school in St. Louis, Mo.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Daniel Patterson. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

* **Timothy Simmons**, 52, of Lavinia, Tennessee, was charged in a one-count indictment returned December 18, 2002, by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield. The indictment alleges that **Simmons** was in possession of a Charter Arms .38 special revolver on November 9, 2001 in Greene County. Possession of any firearm at that time would have been illegal, Graves explained, due to **Simmons** 1982 criminal felony conviction for robbery in Monterey County, California; and his 1997 criminal felony conviction for operating while intoxicated in Adair County, Iowa.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Kelleher. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

* **Mark Anderson**, 43, of Willard, Mo., was charged in a one-count indictment returned December 18, 2002, by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield. The indictment alleges that **Anderson** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .357 revolver on September 26, 2001 in Greene County. Possession of any firearm at that time would have been illegal, Graves explained, due to **Anderson's** 1993 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance in Dallas County, Mo.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Kelleher. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Greene County Sheriff's Department.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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