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TROTWOOD MAN INDICTED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING, GUN CRIMES

Conviction could lead to sentencing as "armed career criminal"

DAYTON – A federal grand jury here has indicted Stanley Ray Mason, age 48, of Trotwood, charging him with one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Christopher P. Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and Trotwood Police Chief Quincy Pope announced the indictment returned Tuesday.

"The indictment alleges that because Mason has at least three prior felony convictions, he could be sentenced as an armed career criminal if convicted of possession of a firearm as specified in count three of the indictment," Lockhart said. "If convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm as charged in count three, he would face a mandatory minimum 15-year sentence and up to life imprisonment if the court finds him to be an armed career criminal."

Conviction of possession with intent to distribute marijuana is punishable by five years imprisonment, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime carries a potential penalty of five years to life imprisonment consecutive to any time served for the drug charge.

ATF agents and Trotwood Police officers arrested Mason early in the morning March 13 in a car outside a Dayton apartment complex. They found six bags of marijuana and a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol in the car with Mason.

Mason has been in custody since his arrest.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by ATF agents and Trotwood officers, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Tabacchi, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant should be presumed innocent until and unless the government proves his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt in court.

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