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CARTHAGE MEN INDICTED FOR FEDERAL GUN CRIMES UNDER PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

(Tyler, Texas) On Wednesday, the federal grand jury returned an indictment charging two Carthage men with multiple federal firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

TIMOTHY EARL BROWN, age 22, and **JERRY LYNN ALLEN**, 22, both of Carthage, Texas, have been indicted for Being in Possession of an Unregistered Firearm and Being in Possession of a Stolen Firearm. In addition, Timothy Earl Brown has been charged in three additional counts of being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

According to court documents, a Kilgore police officer stopped Brown and Allen's vehicle for a traffic violation on August 6, 2002, in the 200 Block of State Highway 31 in Kilgore. Both defendants were arrested after the officer saw the end of a shotgun protruding from under the front seat of the car. Upon further search of the vehicle, the officer found a stolen firearm. On February 20, 2004, the Panola County Sheriff's Department, in response to a citizen complaint, discovered two firearms which they linked to Brown. Brown is prohibited from possessing any firearms because of a previous conviction for Escape in Panola County. If convicted,

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Brown and Allen are facing a maximum penalty of ten years in prison as to each count of the Indictment in which they are charged and a \$250,000 fine in each of the counts. Brown is named in each of the five counts of the Indictment and Allen is named in counts one and two of the Indictment.

A Grand Jury indictment is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), is a comprehensive, strategic approach to gun law enforcement. PSN targets gun crime and violent offenders in an effort to make our communities safer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen Hurst is prosecuting the case. The case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Kilgore Police Department and the Panola County Sheriff's Office.

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