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PALESTINE MAN FACES EXPLOSIVES CHARGES

(Tyler, TX) Federal charges have been filed against a Palestine man who was arrested yesterday in Tyler after authorities learned he was in possession on explosives. **TOM LEE GOLIGHTLY, JR.**, 44, appeared today in federal court on charges of possessing an unregistered explosive device. Judge Harry McKee remanded Golightly to the custody of the United States Marshal and set a detention hearing for Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

If convicted, Golightly could face a maximum of ten years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. It is important to note, that a criminal complaint is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case is under investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jim Middleton and Gregg Marchessault and Smith County District Attorney Matt Bingham.

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