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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS NETS INDICTMENT FOR FEDERAL GUN AND DRUG CRIMES

(Tyler, Texas) A 31-year-old El Dorado, Arkansas, man has been indicted this week for federal drug and firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

CHRISTOPHER HUDSON is charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute over 50 grams of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. According to information presented in Court, on January 10, 2004, a Texas DPS Trooper stopped Hudson's vehicle for traffic violations on Interstate Highway 20 in Smith County, Texas. The stop led to search of Hudson's vehicle and the discovery of approximately 55 grams of methamphetamine and a .45 caliber pistol. Hudson has four prior felony convictions in Arkansas for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Felony Fleeing.

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. Hudson faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and a \$2 million fine if convicted.

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.

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives are investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Noble is prosecuting the case.

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