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## **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS NETS FIREARM INDICTMENT**

(Tyler, Texas)            A federal grand jury has indicted a 30-year-old Lufkin, Texas man for committing federal firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

**FRANKIE LEE NORRIS** was indicted Wednesday on three counts on Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

According to documents presented in court, on January 8, 2004, police were notified of a burglary where three firearms were stolen. Within hours of the burglary, Norris and an accomplice had pawned two of the firearms. When Norris and the accomplice were apprehended by police later that day, the third firearm and the money from the pawned firearms was still in their vehicle. Norris has a felony conviction from 1992 for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America by promoting partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

If convicted, Norris is facing 10 years imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000 for each count. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. A Grand Jury indictment is not evidence of guilt.

The case is being investigated by the Lufkin Police Department and the Hudson Police Department. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Flournoy is prosecuting the case.

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