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## **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS NETS INDICTMENT FOR FEDERAL GUN AND DRUG CRIMES**

(Tyler, TX) A federal grand jury has indicted a 28-year-old Tyler man for committing federal drugs and firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas. **ERIC LAMONT PETTIGREW** was indicted yesterday for Possession of Cocaine Base and PCP with Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crimes, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition, and Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by an Illegal Drug User.

On July 2, 2004 members of the Tyler Police Department Special Operations Team executed a search warrant at Pettigrew's residence in Tyler and seized cocaine base, PCP, drug manufacturing and distribution paraphernalia, a loaded .22 caliber pistol and U.S. currency.

If convicted, Pettigrew faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and a \$250,000.00 fine. 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.

This case is being investigated by the Tyler Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Noble is prosecuting the case.

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