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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, has returned the following indictments. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MADISON MAN FACES HEROIN CHARGES

Phillip T. Thomas, 22, Madison, Wis., is charged with conspiracy to possess and distribute heroin, and two counts of possessing heroin with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he conspired with others not named in the indictment to possess heroin with intent to distribute, and to distribute heroin, from July through September 2011. The indictment also alleges that he possessed heroin with intent to distribute on November 24, 2010 and October 4, 2011.

If convicted, Thomas faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count in the indictment. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration; Madison Police Department; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; and Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

MAUSTON MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIMES

Jason A. Price, 32, Mauston, Wis., is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and possession of a sawed-off shotgun. The indictment alleges that he possessed a shotgun and ammunition on September 20, 2011, and that the barrel of the shotgun had been modified to less than 18 inches in length.

If convicted, Price faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison on each charge. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Juneau County Sheriff's Department, New Lisbon Police Department, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

TWO CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO U.S.

In unrelated cases, two Mexican citizens are charged with illegally re-entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictments allege that Edgar Rodriguez-Perez, 24, Dane County, Wis., was found on October 6, 2011, and Javier Torres-Limon, 47, Sauk County, Wis. was found on October 17, 2011.

If convicted, Rodriguez-Perez and Torres-Limon face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charges against them are the result of investigations by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Homeland Security Investigations. The prosecution of Rodriguez-Perez has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea and the prosecution of Torres-Limon has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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