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**FAIRBANKS MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
FOR ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today that Jarrid Christopher Bloom, of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on charges of assaulting and injuring a Federal Protective Service (FPS) officer.

The five-count indictment named Bloom, 24, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, on July 7, 2009, a FPS officer was assaulted by Bloom, resulting in injuries, when he attempted to apprehend Bloom for unlawfully entering a vehicle parked in the secure parking garage of the federal building at 12th Avenue and Noble Street, in Fairbanks. In addition to the assault, Bloom faces charges of using a firearm in a crime of violence, stealing a firearm, disposing of a stolen firearm and ammunition, and possessing a firearm while having previously been convicted of felony crimes in Nevada. The offenses charged in this indictment occurred on July 7, 2009.

Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Cooper, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both, for each of the charged offenses. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history of the defendant.

The United States Federal Protective Service, a branch of the Department of Homeland Security, conducted the investigation leading to the indictment of Bloom.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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