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Man indicted on 2 counts of felon in possession of a firearm

A convicted felon was indicted yesterday in federal court on multiple felon in possession of a firearm counts.

Anthony Maurice Brown, unknown age, unknown address, was charged with two counts of felon in possession of a firearm and one count of felon in possession of ammunition. Brown's indictment alleges that he did knowingly possess a .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Aug. 19 and Aug. 29, 2008.

The indictment also alleges that Brown did knowingly possess .45-caliber ammunition.

Prior to the August possessions, Brown had previously been convicted in Hennepin County of felony-level crimes, including second-degree assault (1999), residential burglary (1999) and simple robbery (1995).

If convicted, Brown faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison on each of the three counts. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Minneapolis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David P. Steinkamp.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun crime in America that was launched in 2001. It networks existing local programs that target gun crime and provides them with additional tools in the effort to make our streets and communities a much more safe place.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.