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## **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS: TYLER MAN INDICTED FOR GUN CRIME**

(Tyler, TX) A federal grand jury in Tyler returned an indictment this week for a federal firearms violation in the Eastern District of Texas.

**WAYNE EDWARD HANDY**, 29, of Tyler, has been indicted for Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

According to information presented by prosecutors, on April 6, 2004, Tyler police responded to a residence regarding possible shots fired. When they arrived at the scene, they found the defendant and a female sitting in a vehicle that was parked in front of the residence. Further investigation revealed Handy had a loaded pistol in his back pocket. Handy has prior felony convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance.

A Grand Jury indictment is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. If convicted Handy is facing a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

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Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive, strategic approach to gun law enforcement. PSN targets gun crime and violent offenders in an effort to make our communities safer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Noble is prosecuting the case.

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