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Centreville Man Indicted on Weapons and Drug Charges

(Alexandria, Virginia) – Brian Harold Kennedy, age 50, of Centreville, Virginia, was indicted by a federal grand jury today on six counts of weapons charges and two counts of drug charges. The weapons charges include one count of aiding and abetting a prohibited person, his son, Michael Kennedy, in possession of a firearm. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Edgar A. Domenech, Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), made the announcement. Kennedy was arrested today in Fairfax County by ATF agents without incident. Kennedy faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison for each count on counts I, III, IV, V, VI, and, VIII of the indictment, a maximum penalty of five years in prison for count II of the indictment, and a maximum penalty of one year in prison on count VII of the indictment.

According to the indictment, for at least the past ten years and continuing until May 2006, Kennedy unlawfully possessed and used marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance. From at least early 2005 until on or about May 8, 2006, the defendant's son also unlawfully possessed and used marijuana. As an unlawful user of a controlled substance, Brian Kennedy was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. Brian Kennedy possessed numerous weapons including: semi-automatic rifles; revolvers; and, shotguns, and more than 2,500 rounds of ammunitions for those firearms in his home in Centreville.

This case was investigated by the ATF and the Fairfax County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Jim Trump and Special Assistant United States Attorney Dennis Fitzpatrick are prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

Criminal indictments are only charges and not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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