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**MAN INDICTED FOR ASSAULTING WITNESS
IN THE RANDEEP MANN TRIAL**

LITTLE ROCK – Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Phil Durham, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, a federal grand jury returned an indictment against Hamis Alshareqi, age 22, for assaulting a witness called by the United States in the case of U.S. v. Randeep Mann.

Specifically, the indictment charges that on July 22, 2010, Alshareqi used physical force against an individual by striking the individual with a metal object, with the intent to influence and prevent the testimony of the individual in an official proceeding. Alshareqi was being held at Pulaski County Detention Facility at the time of the charged offense.

The maximum statutory penalty for assaulting a witness in an official proceeding is not more than 30 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

This investigation was conducted by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jana Harris and Stephanie Mazzanti.

An indictment contains only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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