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Federal Gun Charges Filed Against Four Local Men

Rock Island, Ill. – Four local men have been charged with federal firearms offenses: Pierce Raynard Davis, 23; Stacy Taurice Smith, 27; Devin Jacob Johnson, 31; and, Cory Lamar Butler. Each of the defendants is charged with one count of possession of a firearm after being convicted of a felony. The indictments were sealed pending each defendant's respective initial appearance in federal court. The defendants appeared today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas J. Shields in Rock Island and all were ordered detained pending hearings on October 10. If convicted, the statutory penalty for the offense is up to 10 years in prison.

The indictment charging Pierce Raynard Davis, of the 1900 block of 9 ½ Street, Rock Island, Ill., alleges that he possessed a .380 caliber handgun on or about Aug. 15, 2012. Smith, of the 1000 block of 14th Avenue, Rock Island, is charged with possession of a .40 caliber handgun on or about Aug. 24, 2012. Johnson, of the 4800 block of 44th Ave., Rock Island, is charged with possession of a 9 mm handgun on or about Aug. 12, 2012. Butler, of the 300 block of 9th Street, Silvis, allegedly possessed a pistol and ammunition on or about Feb. 29, 2012.

The FBI's Quad Cities Federal Gang Task Force investigated the charges with the assistance of the Rock Island and East Moline Police Departments. The cases are being prosecuted in coordination with the Rock Island County State's Attorney's Office by Assistant U.S. Attorney John K. Mehochko in the cases of Davis, Smith and Johnson; Assistant U.S. Attorney David Gregory Weddle is prosecuting the case against Butler.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; each defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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