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WEEK IN REVIEW – SOUTH BEND

South Bend, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced:

John Skomac, Jr., 28, of Laporte, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to count one of an Indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 11/30/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Laporte County Sheriff's Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Kristi Weaver, 30, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 70 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts two and four of an Indictment charging her with being a felon in possession of a firearm and conspiring to manufacture/distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Samuel Merriweather, 36, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 57 months imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release and a \$25,000 fine after pleading guilty to count two of an Indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Samuel Jones, Jr., 48, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to count one of an Indictment charging him with unlawful use of a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Sentencing has been set for 12/1/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Robert Phillips, 23, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 30 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an

Indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the South Bend Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Edwin Hernandez, 29, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to count one of an Indictment charging him with being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 12/1/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

David Proffitt, 56, of Elkhart, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 51 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count three of a Superseding Indictment charging him with possession of stolen firearms. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.