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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced the following:

PLEAS:

- Michael Weatherford, 68, of Attica, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James T. Moody to the felony offense of possession of a stolen firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Nicholas Padilla and Dean Lanter.
- Timmothy Williams, 33, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to the felony offenses of misuse of a social security number, fraud with identification documents, making false statements to the Internal Revenue Service, and aggravated identity theft. Sentencing has been set for 3/23/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Internal Revenue Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.
- Dion D. Dillon, 21, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James T. Moody to the felony offense of possession with the intent to distribution of cocaine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.
- Elias Gaytan, 36, of San Antonio, Texas, pled guilty before Senior Judge James T. Moody to the felony offense of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration HIDTA Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

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.

DISPOSITIONS:

- Cecil Newell, Jr., 29, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James T. Moody to time served while awaiting sentencing and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Newell had a prior conviction for possession of a controlled substance in 2006. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Gary Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

- David Martin, 32, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James T. Moody to 33 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. In March 2011, Martin fled Gary police in his vehicle and then on foot, after which a loaded firearm and marijuana cigarette was recovered from his vehicle. Martin has two prior felony drug dealing convictions. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Gary Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

- Zatia Sain, 27, of Portage, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James T. Moody to time served while awaiting sentencing and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and distribution of marijuana. 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 Jacqueline Jacobs.