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INDICTMENTS RETURNED IN HAMMOND FEDERAL COURT

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced that the following Indictments were returned on November 17, 2011:

- Jawan K. Cobbs, 22, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Cobbs was previously convicted of robbery n October 2010. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.
- Tristan J. Davis, 29, of Gary, Indiana , was charged in an 18 count Indictment with making false statements in the purchase of firearms. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.
- Orlando Alvarez-Barrientos, 33, and Israel Oviedo Enriquez, 29, both of Chicago, Illinois, and citizens of Mexico, were charged in an Indictment with eluding examination by immigration officers from the US Department of Homeland Security in order to remain in the United States. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Immigration and Custom Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.
- Shari Mari-Victoria Washinton, 26, of Chicago, Illinois, was charged in an Indictment with four counts of making false statements in the purchase of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

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.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.