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### WEEK IN REVIEW – SOUTH BEND

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

#### PLEAS:

- Jeffrey Diaz, 55, of Hebron, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to the felony offense of unlawful receipt of firearm not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Sentencing has been set for 1/26/12. 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 Frank Schaffer.
- Nathan Vanderaa, 33, of Star City, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to the felony offense of being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 1/27/12. 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 Frank Schaffer.
- Larry Schulten Jr., 35, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to the felony offense of possession of a machine gun. Sentencing has been set for 1/27/11. 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.

#### DISPOSITIONS:

- Taylor Wagers, 64, of Knox, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to time served and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of 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 Frank Schaffer.

- James Followell, 42, of Elkhart, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 2 months imprisonment on counts one and two of an indictment, and 60 months of imprisonment on count three of an indictment to be served consecutive to counts one and two. Imprisonment will be followed by 3 years of supervised release. Followell pled guilty to counts one and two charging him with the felony offenses of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana and being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. Followell was found guilty on count three charging him with the felony offense of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime after a bench trial. 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 John Maciejczyk.

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.