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FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN SOUTH BEND RETURNS INDICTMENTS

South Bend, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in South Bend, Indiana, returned the following Indictments on October 12, 2011:

Larry Hartman, 47, and Nola L. Forbes, 37, both of Elkhart, Indiana, were charged in a three-count Indictment. Hartman was charged with one count of manufacturing marijuana; one count of being an unlawful drug user in possession of a firearm; and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Forbes was charged with one count of manufacturing marijuana. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and by the Indiana State Police. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. 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.

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.