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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:

Corey Rucker, 29, of South Bend, Indiana, was charged in a one-count Indictment with failure to register as required by the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the United States Marshal's Service and the St. Joseph County Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Maciejczyk.

Christopher Peter, 34, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was charged in a five-count Indictment with one count of manufacturing marijuana; one count of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana; one count of being an unlawful drug user in possession of a firearm; felon in possession of a firearm; and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. 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.