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FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN FORT WAYNE RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Fort Wayne, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in Fort Wayne, Indiana, returned the following Indictments on September 28, 2011:

Tristen Root, 26, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is charged in a two count Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm and being in possession of a stolen firearm on or about September, 9, 2011. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina L. Nommay.

Michael Wenger, 24, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is charged in a two count Indictment with receiving material involving the sexual exploitation of minors on or about May 18, 2011, and possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors on or about September 6, 2011. The Indictment also seeks for forfeiture a computer, camera, cell phone, and miscellaneous items. These charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lesley Miller Lowery.

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.

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