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### WEEK IN REVIEW – SOUTH BEND

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

Douglas Meriweather, II, 22, of Michigan City, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to count one of an Indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 12/8/11. 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 Frank Schaffer.

Justin Myers, 25, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 8 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Indictment charging him with failure to surrender for service of sentence. 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 Donald Schmid.

Vertin Lopez-Sanchez, 54, of Mishawaka, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to count one of an Indictment charging him with possession of an unregistered firearm. Sentencing has been set for 12/15/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Mishawaka Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Manuel Pelayo-Llamas, 57, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 60 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and U.S. Immigration and Custom Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Shauntae Dixon, 35, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 10 months imprisonment, \$191,166 in restitution, and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging her with health care fraud. This case was the

result of an investigation by the State Attorney General, Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Michael Sheneman, 59, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 97 months imprisonment, \$269,967.50 in restitution, and 3 years of supervised release after being found guilty at trial of counts one through four of an Indictment charging him with wire fraud in a scheme to defraud real estate buyers and lenders and to obtain money by materially false and fraudulent acts, representations and omissions. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Northern Indiana Bankruptcy Fraud Working Group. The members of the Northern Indiana Bankruptcy Fraud Working Group include representatives of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana; Office of the United States Trustee for Indiana and Central Illinois and Southern Illinois (Region 10); Federal Bureau of Investigation; Internal Revenue Service; United States Postal Inspection Service; and Social Security Administration, among others. The U.S. Trustee Program is the component of the Justice Department that protects the integrity of the bankruptcy system by overseeing case administration and litigating to enforce the bankruptcy laws. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Barbara Brook and Jesse Barrett.

Jesse James Warren, 32, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to count one of an Indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 12/19/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the South Bend Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Aaron Johnson, 26, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to count one of an Indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. 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 Donald Schmid.

Earl A. Rauschenberg, Jr., 35, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 120 months imprisonment and 10 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count two of an Indictment charging him with possession of child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney 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.