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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced the following:

Nigle Mayes, Jr., 34, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Rudy Lozano to 168 months imprisonment and 20 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Indictment charging him with receiving child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Custom Office of Homeland Security Investigations and the Indiana State Police. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Enrique Gonzales, 25, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an Indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 12/2/11. In June 2011, Gonzalez was arrested by the Hammond, Indiana, Police Department following a traffic stop in which a .38 Special revolver loaded with ammunition was recovered. Gonzalez admitted he knowingly possessed the firearm. The firearm had previously been reported stolen. Gonzalez has prior felony convictions for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, and a prior misdemeanor conviction for battery and resisting / obstructing a police officer. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force and the Hammond Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Eric Crosslin, 25, of Gary, Indiana, was detained pending trial following being charged in a felony criminal complaint with possessing a firearm as a felon, in addition to being charged with possession of marijuana. The government has alleged that on September 16, 2011, Crosslin was arrested by the Gary Police Department following a traffic stop, in which a loaded semi-automatic pistol was recovered from Crosslin's person, along with approximately 2 gross grams of marijuana recovered from the center console cup holder of his vehicle. Crosslin has prior felony convictions for intimidation and possession of cocaine. This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force with the assistance of the Gary Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Shana King, 25, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an Indictment charging her with conspiracy and attempt to commit fraud with identification documents in the case *US v Harris et al.* Sentencing has been set for 1/4/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

Terrance Lovel Peterson, 24, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an Indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine. Sentencing has been set for 12/9/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force, and the Hammond Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Amber Fields, 22, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to counts one and three of an Indictment charging her with conspiracy to commit fraud with identification documents and fraud with identification documents in the case *US v Harris et al.* Sentencing has been set for 1/4/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by United States Postal Inspection Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

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.

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.