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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 February 9, 2012:

Master Nixon, 25, of Michigan City, Indiana, was charged in a four count Indictment with three counts of distribution of marijuana and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank E. Schaffer.

Jason Rife, 35, of Michigan City, Indiana, was charged in a ten count Indictment with one count of conspiracy to manufacture, distribute, and possession with intent to distribute controlled substances; three counts of distribution of a controlled substance; four counts of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance; one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana; and one count of felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank E. Schaffer.

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.