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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 January 11, 2012:

- John W. Bloch III, 35, of Elkhart, Indiana, was charged in a two-count Indictment with one count being a felon in possession of a firearm; and one count possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Elkhart Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald J. Schmid.
- Robert E. Wegner Jr., 45, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was charged in a two-count Indictment with one count attempted possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance; and one count possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the South Bend Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald J. Schmid.

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.