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WEEK IN REVIEW – SOUTH BEND

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

PLEAS:

- Thomas Pickett, 28, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Jon DeGuilio to the felony offenses of false statements in the purchase of a firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 4/26/12. 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.
- Brankica Lakich, 27, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Jon DeGuilio to the felony offense of false statement in the purchase of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 4/30/12. 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.
- Corey Rucker, 30, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Nuechterlein to the felony offense of failure to register as a sex offender. Sentencing has been set for 4/19/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Marshal's Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

DISPOSITIONS:

- Timothy Rottet, 19, of Logansport, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 20 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of possession of an unregistered firearm. 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 John Maciejczyk.

- Damon Stinson, 35, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 13 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of distribution of cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.