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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 March 15, 2012:

Donald L. Brown, Jr., 45, of South Bend, Indiana, was charged in a one-count Indictment with being a drug user in possession of firearms. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the St. Joseph County Police 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.

Jesse Newman, 22, of Kokomo, Indiana, was charged in a one-count Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the 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.

Haley Elizabeth Smith, 19, of South Bend, Indiana, was charged in a two-count Indictment with making false material statements and declarations before a federal grand jury. 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.

Angel A. Delgado-Ventura was charged in a one-count Indictment with illegal re-entry in the United States without having obtained consent from the Attorney General of the United States or the Secretary of Homeland Security. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Maciejczyk.

Jesus Rojas, of Granger, Indiana, was charged in a two-count Indictment with one count of misuse of a Social Security number and one-count of identity theft. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Maciejczyk.

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.