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WEEK IN REVIEW – SOUTH BEND

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

PLEAS:

- Jeffrey O. Felix, 27, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to the felony offenses of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Felix has prior drug felony conviction in state court in 2004 and being a felon in possession of a firearm in 2007. Sentencing has been set for 6/12/12. 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.
- Derek Fields, 26, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to the felony offense of being felon in possession of a firearm. Fields has a prior felony conviction for assisting a criminal in 2010. Sentencing has been set for 6/13/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the South Bend Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.
- David P. Rossi, 44, of Palm Springs, Florida, pled guilty before Judge Jon DeGuilio to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Rossi has a prior felony conviction for high speed recklessness in 2002. Sentencing has been set for 6/6/12. 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 John 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.

DISPOSITIONS:

- Charles E. Worsham, Jr., 31, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 30 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Worsham has a prior felony conviction for operating a vehicle after a lifetime suspension. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Indiana State Police. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.
- Linda Smoot, 45, of Amboy, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 5 months imprisonment, 5 months of home detention and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of unlawful transfer of a firearm to a felon. 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 William Grimmer.
- Marvin Gaye Taylor, 45, of Michigan City, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 92 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of distribution of crack 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.