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### **Three indicted for armed robbery of Arden Hills bingo hall**

MINNEAPOLIS—Earlier today in federal court, three individuals were indicted in connection with the May 21, 2011, armed robbery of the Pot O' Gold Bingo Hall in Arden Hills. Corinthian John Reese, age 22; Glenn Everett Graddy, age 36; and Nicole McDaniel, age 29, all with no known address, were charged with one count of conspiracy to possess a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime, one count of aiding and abetting the possession of a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime, one count of conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery, and one count of interference with commerce by robbery, both in violation of the Hobbs Act. In addition, Reese was charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The indictment alleges that on May 21, 2011, the defendants conspired to rob the bingo hall, located at 3776 Connelly Avenue, while using a .45-caliber handgun. According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, two men, later identified as Reese and Graddy, entered the hall just before 1:00 a.m. on May 21 and pointed a handgun at two employees. The men allegedly demanded money, and the employees complied. The affidavit states that the men then fled the premises, running across an overgrown embankment, toward Highway 51, where they got into a waiting car, driven by McDaniel.

A short time later, police stopped a vehicle at the on-ramp to eastbound Interstate-694 at Lexington Avenue. The vehicle matched the description of the car seen near the robbery site. Inside the vehicle, authorities found Reese, Graddy, and McDaniel, along with a fourth man.

Witnesses from the bingo hall identified Reese and Graddy as the men who had robbed the bingo hall, adding that Reese had brandished the gun. During a search of the vehicle, police recovered a large amount of cash. In addition, while searching the embankment near the bingo hall, officers later found a gun that matched the description of the weapon used in the robbery.

Because Reese was previously convicted of a felony, he is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms at any time. Reese's prior Ramsey County convictions include third-degree assault in both 2008 and 2009.

If convicted, the defendants face a potential maximum penalty of 20 years on each count of interference with commerce by robbery, pursuant to the Hobbs Act; ten years for conspiracy to possess a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime; and a mandatory minimum penalty of seven years for aiding and abetting the possession of a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime. In addition, Reese faces a potential maximum penalty of ten years for being a felon in possession of a firearm. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge.

The Hobbs Act, passed by Congress in 1946, allows federal prosecutors to prosecute violent, habitual criminals who commit armed robbery in places of business involved in interstate commerce. Federal prosecution of these cases is sometimes beneficial since the penalties are often tougher than under state law. Furthermore, because the federal system has no parole, those who receive federal sentences serve virtually the entire time imposed.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Roseville Police Department, the New Brighton Police Department, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey M. Bryan.

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*An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.*