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Bemidji felon indicted for possessing a .357 revolver

MINNEAPOLIS—Earlier today in federal court, a 27-year-old felon from Bemidji was indicted for possessing a .357-caliber revolver. The indictment charges Edward McCabe Robinson with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that on August 28, 2011, Robinson possessed the gun.

Because Robinson was previously convicted of a felony, he is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms at any time. His prior convictions include first-degree burglary in St. Louis County (2003) and felon in possession of a firearm in Anoka County (2007).

According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the present federal case, Bemidji police arrested Robinson on August 28, at an apartment complex, on an outstanding warrant for a parole violation. Reportedly, an officer encountered Robinson at the rear of the complex. Specifically, the police officer came upon a group of men sitting on a patio. When the officer identified himself and asked the men to show their hands, a man, later identified as Robinson, allegedly ran into a nearby apartment. Inside the apartment, officers found Robinson hiding in a laundry room. After Robinson was arrested, officers found the weapon in the laundry room.

If convicted, Robinson faces a potential maximum penalty of ten years in prison. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Bemidji Police Department and the United States Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Deidre Y. Aanstad.

Note, this case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (“PSN”), a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun crime in America. PSN, launched by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2001, encourages cooperative, multi-jurisdictional law enforcement and crime prevention efforts.

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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.