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Man indicted for failing to register as a sex offender

MINNEAPOLIS—A federal indictment unsealed earlier today charges a 31-year-old man with failing to register as a sex offender. The indictment, which was filed on October 17, 2011, charges Glenn Lee Fairbanks, no known address, with one count of failure to register as a sex offender. The indictment was unsealed following Fairbanks's arraignment in federal court. The indictment alleges that from February 16, 2011, to September 22, 2011, Fairbanks moved to and resided on the Red Lake Indian Reservation and failed to update his registered address, as required by the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

A law enforcement affidavit filed in the case states that on December 19, 2001, Fairbanks was convicted in St. Louis County of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree and, as part of his sentence, was required to register as a sex offender. On May 20, 2011, Fairbanks was found in noncompliance of his registration because he had not returned his annual verification letter. On February 28, 2011, the Minnesota Department of Corrections issued a warrant for his arrest for that violation, ultimately learning that he had left his previous address but had failed to report a new one. The United States Marshals Service ("USMS") subsequently discovered that that Fairbanks was staying in a camping shelter on the Red Lake Indian Reservation, but when authorities moved in to arrest him, Fairbanks was gone. On September 22, 2011, however, Fairbanks was arrested.

If convicted of violating the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, Fairbanks 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 USMS, the Minnesota Department of Corrections, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Duluth Police Department, and the Red Lake Tribal Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Ueland.

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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.

