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Redby man indicted for possessing a stolen 12-gauge shotgun

MINNEAPOLIS—Yesterday in federal court, an 18-year-old Redby man was indicted for possessing a stolen 12-gauge shotgun. The indictment charges Damien Charles Jones with one count of possession of a stolen firearm and one count of possession of an unregistered short-barreled shotgun.

The indictment alleges that on January 11, 2011, Jones possessed the shotgun, knowing it was stolen. In addition, the shotgun had a barrel length less than 18 inches, which is against the law. The gun was recovered by police, who responded to a report of shots fired in the area.

If convicted, Jones faces a potential maximum penalty of ten years in prison for each charge. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Red Lake Tribal Police Department and the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Ueland.

Note, this case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods ("PSN"), an initiative launched by the U.S. Justice Department in 2001 to promote a multi-jurisdictional, comprehensive approach to reducing gun crime in America. PSN provides resources to strengthen law enforcement and crime prevention partnerships that work to make our streets and communities safer.

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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.

