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Eight Additional Individuals Appeared in Federal Court on Federal Drug and Gun Charges

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA - An additional eight individuals involved in the major undercover investigation into drug and gun trafficking in Fairmont have been arrested.

United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, stated that: BRANDON T. TUCKER, JOHN WILLETT, KRISTA HUNTER, KEITH LEAVENGOOD, CARA CARPENTER, JOSEPH HEARN, AARON HIGGINS and CARLOS PAGAN appeared before Magistrate Judge John S. Kaull for their initial appearances.

Please see the attached Defendant Data Sheets for specific charges on each defendant.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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