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## **ARCADIA MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL GUN CHARGE**

Fort Myers, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces the return by a grand jury of an indictment charging Michael Andre Brown (31, Arcadia) with possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon.. If convicted on all counts, as an Armed Career Criminal, Michael Brown faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years to a maximum of life in federal prison. The indictment also notifies Michael Brown that the United States intends to forfeit the firearm and ammunition which are the subject of the charged criminal conduct.

According to the indictment, Brown, as a convicted felon, possessed a Remington, model Nylon 66, .22 caliber, semi-automatic rifle and Remington .22 caliber ammunition on December 21, 2009, in Arcadia, Florida.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey F. Michelland.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project

Safe Neighborhoods” program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction strategy led by ATF. United States Attorney Robert E. O’Neill, along with Virginia O’Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.