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CHIEF OF POLICE OF WINNFELD. LA. INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Chief Johnnie Carpenter Cited for Obstructing Deputy U.S. Marshal

Shreveport, Louisiana: The chief of police of Winnfield, Louisiana, was indicted today by a federal grand jury for obstructing a Deputy United States Marshal as he attempted to serve a federal arrest warrant, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced. Johnnie Ray Carpenter, 56, was named in a one-count indictment charging a misdemeanor offense.

The indictment alleges that Carpenter willfully obstructed, resisted and opposed a Deputy United States Marshal from serving a federal arrest warrant on August 27, 2009. The accusation stems from the service of a warrant in Winnfield by officers and agents of the U. S. Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force, the FBI Violent Gang Task Force, and the Winn Parish Sheriff's Office.

If convicted, Carpenter faces a maximum potential penalty of one year in prison, a \$100,000 fine, or both.

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This case was investigated by the United States Marshal Service and is being prosecuted by
Assistant U. S. Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

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