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**WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA SUPERCEDES ON
INDICTMENT OF FORMER LEESVILLE, LA CHIEF OF POLICE**

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that the Western District of Louisiana grand jury has returned a superseding indictment charging Bobby D. Hickman, the former Chief of Police, Leesville, La., with a new charge of unlawful possession of an unregistered firearm.

The previous indictment which was filed on June 15, 2011, charged Hickman with two counts of possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number. The defendant is alleged to have possessed a blued Ruger Model GP100 .357 magnum caliber revolver and a chrome Charter Arms Undercover Model .38 special caliber revolver.

The superseding indictment charges Hickman with possession of a Mossberg Model 500A 12 Gauge Pump-Action Shotgun, with a barrel length of less than 18 inches. The superseding indictment further alleges that the shotgun was not registered to Hickman. Agents found the firearm at Hickman's residence on June 24, 2011, when he was arrested following the June 15th indictment.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Alexandria Resident Agency and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brett L. Grayson.

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