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PRESS RELEASE

The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in Fort Wayne, Indiana, returned the following Indictments:

THEODORE BURNETT, III, age 24, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, charged with possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine on April 4, 2004. Upon conviction, any sentence to be imposed will be pursuant to the relevant Sentencing Guideline. This charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeremy W. Brown, who can be reached at 260-422-2595 for any inquiries.

TROY A. TILLMAN, age 30, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, charged with being a felon in possession of firearms on May 25, 2004. Upon conviction, any sentence to be imposed will be pursuant to the relevant Sentencing Guideline. This charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeremy W. Brown, who can be reached at 260-422-2595 for any inquiries.

PHILLIP L. FERGUSON, age 54, charged with mail fraud during the years 1994 through 2000 arising out of the operation of an investment company where individuals could purchase commodities and securities. In addition Ferguson is charged with money laundering and income tax evasion for calendar year 1999. Upon conviction, any sentence to be imposed will be pursuant to the relevant Sentencing Guideline. This charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David H. Miller, who can be reached at 260-422-2595 for any inquiries.

SKYLER L. PARKER, age 22, and CHRISTOPHER L. JACKSON, age 30, both of Fort Wayne, Indiana, charged with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and with the distribution of crack cocaine on May 26, 2004. Upon conviction, any sentence to be imposed will be pursuant to the relevant Sentencing Guideline. This charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeremy W. Brown, who can be reached at 260-422-2595 for any inquiries.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

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