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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

MADISON, WIS. -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The maximum statutory sentence is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes. If convicted, the sentencing of a defendant will be determined by the court based on the advisory Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Eau Claire Man Charged with Child Pornography Crimes

Edmund J. Brixen, 32, Eau Claire, Wis., is charged with transporting a minor across state lines with the intent that the minor engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense. The indictment alleges that he transported the minor from Minnesota to Wisconsin on January 27, 2017.

The indictment also charges Brixen with two counts of using the minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of the conduct. The indictment alleges that he used his cell phone to produce the child pornography on January 28.

The indictment also charges Brixen with using a second minor to produce child pornography on May 20, 2017. Finally, he is charged with possessing child pornography on May 31.

If convicted, Brixen faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum of life on the charge of transporting a minor across state lines, a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years and a maximum of life on the three counts of using a minor to produce child pornography, and 20 years on the charge of possessing child pornography.

The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Altoona Police Department, Eau Claire Police Department, Burnett and Buffalo County Sheriffs' Offices, Coon Rapids (Minn.) Police Department, and Anoka County (Minn.) Sheriff's Office. The prosecution of this case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

Madison Man Charged with Drug & Gun Crimes

Maurice Johnson, Jr., 25, Madison, Wis., is charged with possessing heroin with intent to distribute, possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possessing a firearm after previously being convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. The indictment alleges that he possessed the heroin and a 9mm handgun on June 26, 2017.

If convicted, Johnson faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on the drug charge, a mandatory penalty of five years on the charge of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and 10 years on each of the other two gun charges. Federal law requires that the five-year penalty for possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime be served consecutive to any sentence imposed on the drug charge.

The charges against Johnson are the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita Rumbelow.

Ashland Man Charged with Drug Crimes Involving Methamphetamine

Christopher D. Kabasa, 23, Ashland, Wis., is charged with possessing 50 grams or more of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he possessed the methamphetamine on October 2, 2016.

The indictment also charges Kabasa with possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute on November 23, 2016.

If convicted, Kabasa faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum of 40 years in federal prison on the charge alleging 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. He faces a maximum penalty of 20 years on the second charge.

The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, Ashland Police Department, and Ashland County Sheriff's Office. The prosecution of this case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Corey Stephan.

Wausau Man Charged with Drug & Gun Crimes

Tou Yong Yee Xiong, 34, Wausau, Wis., is charged with two counts of distributing methamphetamine, one count of possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute, possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The indictment alleges that Xiong distributed methamphetamine on June 12 and 20, 2017, and that he possessed methamphetamine and a .40 caliber handgun on June 26, 2017.

If convicted, Xiong faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each of the drug charges, a mandatory penalty of five years on the charge of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and 10 years on the felon in possession charge. Federal law requires that the five-year penalty for possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime be served consecutive to any sentence imposed on the drug charge.

The charges against Xiong are the result of an investigation by the Marathon and Oneida County Sheriffs' Departments and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita Rumbelow.

Rice Lake Man Charged with Drug & Gun Crimes

Mark W. Lewis, 55, Rice Lake, Wis., is charged with two counts of possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he possessed methamphetamine on August 12 and September 21, 2016. The indictment further alleges that on September 21, 2016, he possessed 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

The indictment also charges Lewis with possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The indictment alleges that on August 12, 2016, he possessed a .22 caliber handgun.

If convicted, Lewis faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on the first drug charge, and a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum of 40 years on the charge alleging 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. He faces a mandatory penalty of five years on the possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime charge. Federal law requires that this penalty be served consecutive to any sentence imposed on the drug charge.

The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Washburn and Sawyer County Sheriffs' Departments, Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Reinhard.

Rockford Men Face Additional Charges

In an indictment returned by the grand jury on May 11, 2017, Samuel Robles, 27, Saul Ivan Robles, 24, and Daniel Herrera, 19, all of Rockford, Ill., were charged with possessing 500 grams or more of cocaine with intent to distribute on May 5, 2017. A superseding indictment returned today adds additional charges against Samuel Robles and Saul Ivan Robles.

The superseding indictment charges Samuel Robles with distributing cocaine on February 16, 2017, and Saul Ivan Robles with possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The indictment alleges that Saul Ivan Robles possessed a loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol on May 5, 2017.

Samuel Robles and Saul Ivan Robles are brothers.

If convicted, each defendant faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years on the charge of possessing 500 grams or more of cocaine with intent to distribute. Samuel Robles faces an additional 20 years on the distribution charge, and Saul Ivan Robles faces a mandatory penalty of five years on the possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Federal law requires that this penalty be served consecutive to any sentence imposed on the drug charge.

The charges against these three men are the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of this case will be handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Chadwick Elgersma and Elizabeth Altman.

Mexican Citizen Charged with Illegally Reentering U.S.

Mateo Fuentes-Flores, 22, a citizen of Mexico found in Lafayette County, Wis., is charged with illegally reentering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that he was found in the United States on June 19, 2017.

If convicted, Fuentes-Flores faces a maximum penalty of two years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case will be handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Antonio Trillo.

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