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WEABLEU, MO. MAN FACES ADDITIONAL FEDERAL CHARGES FOR FIREARMS VIOLATION

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Weableu, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today on an additional charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Carl Robert Carter, 39, of Weableu, Mo., was charged in a three-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Jefferson City. Today's indictment, Graves explained, adds a third count and replaces the original two-count indictment that was returned on April 30, 2003.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Carter** was in possession of a Remington .22 rifle, a Norinco 7.62 x 39 mm rifle, and a Colt .357 magnum revolver on Jan. 20, 2003, in Hickory County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Carter** has a 1984 criminal felony conviction for theft in Wyandotte County, Kan.; a 1984 criminal felony conviction for theft in Leavenworth County, Kan.; a 1981 criminal felony conviction for burglary in Platte County; and a 1981 criminal felony conviction for stealing in Clay County.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Carter** attempted to manufacture methamphetamine on Jan. 20, 2003, in Hickory County.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Carter** was in possession of a Lorcin .380 caliber pistol and approximately 135 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition on June 10, 2003, in Hickory County. **Carter** was in possession of the firearm while he was on pretrial release.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in today's indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Douglas Shull. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Hickory County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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