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SPRINGFIELD MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING COCAINE, MARIJUANA, METH AND FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possessing 500 grams or more of cocaine, while also possessing marijuana, methamphetamine and an illegal firearm.

Travis Eastburn, 30, of Springfield, Mo., was charged in a seven-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Eastburn** possessed more than 500 grams of cocaine, with the intent to distribute, on Aug. 7, 2002, in Greene County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Eastburn** possessed marijuana, with the intent to distribute, on Aug. 7, 2002, in Greene County.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Eastburn** possessed methamphetamine on Aug. 7, 2002, in Greene County.

Counts Four, Five and Six of the federal indictment allege that **Eastburn** possessed alprazolam, oxycodone and clonazepam on Aug. 7, 2002, in Greene County. Alprazolam, oxycodone and clonazepam are controlled substances that are illegal to possess without a prescription, Graves said.

Count Seven of the federal indictment alleges that **Eastburn** was in possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug offense. The indictment alleges that **Eastburn** possessed a Phoenix Arms, Raven, .25 caliber pistol while in possession of cocaine on Aug. 7, 2002, in Greene County.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the 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.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Kelleher. This case was investigated by the Springfield, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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