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NITRO UPDATE  
**LUDLOW, MO., MAN INDICTED ON  
FIREARMS CHARGE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Ludlow, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

**Dwayne Lee Else**, 36, of Ludlow, Mo., was charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Else** was in possession of a Sturm, Ruger and Company .223 semi-automatic rifle on March 19, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Else** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge 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 Jess E. Michaelsen. The case was investigated by the NITRO Task Force, the Livingston County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, and the Braymer, Mo., Police Department. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

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