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SPRINGFIELD MAN INDICTED FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARMS, NARCOTICS LAWS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for violating federal firearms and narcotics laws.

Paul Humphrey, 42, of Springfield, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Humphrey** was in possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine on Sept. 18, 2002, in Greene County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Humphrey** was in possession of a Ruger .223 caliber rifle, a Springfield .22 caliber rifle, a Marlin 30/30 rifle, a Remington .22 caliber rifle and a Smith and Wesson .357 caliber revolver in furtherance of the offense alleged in Count One. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal to possess a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Humphrey** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine at the time he was in possession of the firearms alleged in Count Two. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for an unlawful user of a controlled substance to be in possession of a firearm.

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 United States Attorney James J. Kelleher. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and

the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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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