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## **ASH GROVE MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE, FIREARM**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Ash Grove, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of an explosive, firearm and ammunition.

**Scott Maslar**, 31, of Ash Grove, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting today in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Maslar** possessed an explosive on April 24, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any person convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm, ammunition or explosives. **Maslar** has a 1990 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Maslar** possessed a destructive device on April 24, 2003, in Greene County, Mo., that was not registered to him in the National Firearms and Transfer Record. The destruction device consisted of a glass bottle, Hodgdon Pyrodex black powder and an instantaneous detonator.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Maslar** was also a felon in possession of ammunition on April 24, 2003.

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 James J. Kelleher. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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