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TWO FELONS INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two felons were indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing firearms.

* **Kevin P. McKinney**, 41, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Springfield for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **McKinney** was in possession of three firearms on Dec. 2, 2001, in Gainesville, Mo., including a Smith and Wesson .12 gauge sawed off shotgun, a Mauser bolt-action rifle and a JC Higgins .22 caliber bolt-action rifle. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm. **McKinney** has two 1980 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing and a 1995 criminal felony conviction for possession of methamphetamine.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Missouri Division of Family Services, the Ozark County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Brian Kelly**, 38, of Harrison, Ark., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Springfield for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Kelly** was in possession of a Glock 9 mm handgun on April 9, 2003, in Vernon County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm. **Kelly** has two 1990 criminal felony convictions for burglary and theft of property.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It

was investigated by the Vernon County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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 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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