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## THREE BOONE COUNTY MEN INDICTED FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARMS LAW

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that three Boone County men have been indicted by a federal grand jury for being felons in possession of a firearm.

**Garrett Murray**, 22, **Larry Tucker**, 27, and **Martin Henry**, 22, addresses all unknown, were charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield on Jan. 22, 2003.

Yesterday's indictment, which replaces a federal criminal complaint, alleges that **Murray**, **Tucker**, and **Henry** were in possession of a Norinco 7.62 caliber rifle and a Hi-Point 9 mm rifle in Pulaski County on Jan. 1, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, possession of any firearm by a felon is illegal. **Murray** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for robbery in Boone County, Mo. **Tucker** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for possession of a concealable firearm in Audrain County, Mo. **Henry** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for burglary in Boone County, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and is 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 was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Waynesville, Mo., Police Department, and the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.

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