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WARRENSBURG WOMAN INDICTED ON PROSTITUTION-RELATED CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Warrensburg, Mo., woman has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges related to prostitution.

Cherri Turnbow, 30, of Warrensburg, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned under seal by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Oct. 22, 2003. That indictment was unsealed and made public today upon **Turnbow's** arrest and initial court appearance.

Count One of the federal indictment charges **Turnbow** with enticement for prostitution. Count Two of the federal indictment charges **Turnbow** with transportation of a minor for prostitution. The federal indictment alleges that **Turnbow** enticed a female under the age of 18 to travel across state lines to engage in prostitution and criminal sexual activity, and that she transported the minor female across state lines for that purpose between April 1 and 5, 2002.

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.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Warrensburg, 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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