

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FORT LEONARD WOOD MURDER DEFENDANT INDICTED ON ADDITIONAL CHARGE

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a woman who was indicted last month for a murder that occurred at the Fort Leonard Wood Army base, now faces an additional charge of attempted murder against a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a deputy with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.

**Barbara L. Turner**, 29, of St. Robert, Mo., was charged in a five-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Jefferson City. Four counts of that superseding indictment are contained in the original indictment that was returned on December 11, 2002. Graves explained that the fifth count charges **Turner** with attempting to kill two law enforcement agents at the time of her arrest. The superseding indictment replaces the original indictment.

Count Five of the superseding indictment alleges that **Turner** grabbed the steering wheel of an automobile being driven by the FBI agent, who was engaged in the performance of his official duties, and occupied by the sheriff's deputy, who was assisting the agent in the performance of those official duties. **Turner** allegedly steered the automobile into and caused a collision with a tractor trailer truck.

Graves added that the collision occurred on December 11, 2002, after **Turner** was arrested in Pulaski County on a federal warrant. Following her arrest, **Turner** was handcuffed and placed in the rear seat of an FBI vehicle for transport to the Green County jail. While enroute, Graves said, **Turner** managed to free herself from the seat belt and lunged over the back seat of the FBI vehicle, grabbing the steering wheel. The FBI vehicle, which Graves said was traveling about 70 miles per hour, struck the tractor trailer truck, causing extensive damage to the vehicle and injuring the sheriff's deputy.

**Turner** and three co-defendants were indicted last month in the murder of Brian Adams, who was killed on December 13, 2001, during a robbery at the Davis Club at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Count One of the indictment alleges that **Turner**, manager of the Davis Club at the Fort, **William R. Boone II**, 30, an inmate in federal custody, **Jerome Creighton**, 26, an inmate in state custody, and **Kelvin Washington**, 21, of New Jersey, killed Adams by shooting him in the perpetration of a robbery at the NCO club.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that the defendants took money from Adams and from employees of the Davis Club at Fort Leonard Wood by use of force, violence and intimidation.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that the defendants used a shotgun during the robbery that is alleged in Count Two, causing the murder of Adams.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that the defendants were each involved in the conspiracy to commit the robbery and to carry a firearm in the commission of that robbery. Count Four cites 23 overt acts taken by the defendants in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy.

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 was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Army Criminal Investigation Division.

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