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ANOTHER STOCKTON PROJECT "EXILE" CASE INDICTED IN FEDERAL COURT

STOCKTON, CA--United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that a federal grand jury in Sacramento returned an indictment charging CHRISTOPHER MILLER, 24, of Stockton, with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and with carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. In addition, the indictment also charges MILLER with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. Specifically, the indictment charges that on January 29, 2003, in connection with his possession of methamphetamine for distribution, MILLER also possessed a .38 caliber handgun.

If convicted of the drug offense, MILLER faces a maximum sentence of twenty years, a \$1,000,000 fine, and a three year term of supervised release. In addition, if convicted of the firearms offenses, MILLER faces a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and a three year term of supervised release. There is no parole on a federal sentence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James P. Arguelles, and was investigated by the Stockton Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The charges contained in the indictment are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.