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GREENVILLE MAN INDICTED ON MAIL FIREARM CHARGE

MOBILE, AL—A Federal Grand Jury in Mobile has indicted a Greenville, Alabama man on a charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, United States Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes of the Southern District of Alabama announced today.

Irish Lee Jenkins, 29, was arrested by Evergreen, Alabama Police Department officers after the officers investigated a shootout at a club located on Highway 84 in Greenville. According to witnesses, Jenkins himself was wounded in an exchange of gunfire at the club. At least one witness saw Jenkins with a firearm right after the shooting, and officers found a firearm along the route to the hospital where Jenkins received treatment. Blood on the firearm matched that of Jenkins. Officers later learned that the weapon, a 9 millimeter pistol, belonged to a relative of Jenkins who reported the firearm missing from his vehicle. Jenkins, who has three previous felony convictions, is precluded by law from possessing any firearms at all. He faces up to ten years in federal prison if convicted. Prosecutors expect the case to go to trial in June 2008.

The indictment resulted from a joint investigation conducted by ATFE and the Evergreen, Alabama Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Cherry.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is a probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he or she is proven guilty at trial.

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