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EVANSVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION AFTER FELONY CONVICTIONS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHRISTOPHER J. CRAWFORD, 41, of Evansville, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for possession of a firearm by a felon, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Evansville Police Department.

The Indictment alleges that on December 19, 2007, CRAWFORD possessed a shotgun and a shotgun shell after being convicted of multiple felonies in Vanderburgh County.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, CRAWFORD faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 . An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

The Indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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