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CLARENCE EUGENE ROBINSON ARRESTED ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

Jacksonville, Florida - Clarence Eugene Robinson, age 63, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on May 29, 2008, for distribution of marihuana and oxycodone. Robinson was also charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. If convicted, Robinson faces a minimum of 15 years in prison up to life.

Robinson was arrested without incident today. United States Magistrate Judge James R. Klindt presided over Robinson's initial appearance in court. Judge Klindt continued the case for a detention hearing and arraignment next week.

The case was investigated jointly by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Deputies with the United States Marshals Service and Deputies with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office also assisted in the arrest and execution of a search warrant in the case. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Talbot.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until proven guilty.