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INDIANAPOLIS MAN FACES FEDERAL NARCOTIC AND GUN CHARGES

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DONALD MARTIN, 27, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for Possession With Intent To Distribute a Mixture or Substance Containing Cocaine Base (commonly known as “crack” or “crack cocaine”), Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in Connection with a Drug Trafficking Offense, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

On July 15, 2008, MARTIN was pulled over by members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department in a routine traffic stop. A computer check revealed that MARTIN was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant in Hamilton County, Indiana for a violation of probation in a drug case. Once MARTIN was out of the vehicle and in the process of being arrested, he attempted to re-enter his vehicle and escape. While handcuffing MARTIN officers observed a handgun in MARTIN’S pocket. A subsequent search of MARTIN’S pockets revealed about 68 grams of suspected crack cocaine.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorneys Barry D. Glickman and Bradley P. Shepard, who are prosecuting the case for the government, MARTIN faces a maximum possible prison sentence of life and a maximum possible fine of \$ 4,000,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a United States Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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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