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NEW ALBANY MAN CHARGED WITH SUPPLYING GUNS USED TO SHOOT JEFFERSONVILLE POLICE OFFICERS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that VINCENT D. WINDELL, JR., 22, of New Albany, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for unlawfully transferring firearms to a convicted felon, following an investigation by the Indiana State Police, Jeffersonville Police Department, Clark County Sheriff's Department, Louisville Metropolitan Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The indictment alleges that on or about December 10, 2008, WINDELL transferred two firearms, a TISAS .45 caliber handgun and a .380 caliber revolver, to Robert Datillo, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe, that Datillo was a convicted felon. According to the criminal complaint which preceded the Indictment, WINDELL purchased both firearms from a Jeffersonville gun store using money Datillo provided. On February 19, 2009, Datillo used one of the firearms, the TISAS .45 caliber handgun, to shoot two Jeffersonville police officers as they arrived at a local hotel to investigate a report of suspicious activity. Datillo later committed suicide using the same .45 caliber handgun.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Rinka, who is prosecuting the case for the government, WINDELL faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in New Albany, Indiana.

The indictment and the criminal complaint are allegations only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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