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**CONVICTED FELON INDICTED ON
CRACK-COCAINE AND GUN CHARGES**

- Had \$3,800 worth of cocaine

PADUCAH, KY - A federal grand jury in Paducah returned an indictment on July 15, 2008, against **Sean Irons**, age 28, of 2336 Barnett Street, Paducah, Kentucky, McCracken County, Kentucky on charges of distribution and knowingly possessing a firearm, while having been convicted of a felony, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on August 30, 2007, Irons, a convicted felon, knowingly possessed a 12 gauge Maverick Arms, Model 88 shotgun, Serial No.: MV03566E. On March 20, 1998, in McCracken Circuit Court, Irons was convicted and sentenced for Wanton Endangerment. On July 30, 1999, in McCracken Circuit Court, Irons was convicted and sentenced for Possession of a Handgun and on January 22, 2004, in McCracken Circuit Court, Irons was convicted and sentenced for Convicted Felon in Possession of a Handgun, each a felony.

The Indictment also charges that on August 31, 2007, Irons distributed more than five grams of crack cocaine and also possessed a Smith & Wesson .40 caliber handgun on that date. The drugs recovered by law enforcement has a street value of approximately \$3,800.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 60 years imprisonment, with a minimum of 5 years imprisonment, a \$2,500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 4 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division/Paducah Satellite Office conducted the investigation in partnership with the Paducah Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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