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MARSHALL, MO., MAN INDICTED ON FIREARMS CHARGE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Marshall, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of firearms.

Alvin K. Parks, 44, of Marshall, Mo., was charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Parks** was in possession of a Winchester 12 gauge shotgun, a Brescia 6.5mm rifle, and a Deuschewaffen-Und Munitionsfabriken 8mm rifle on Nov. 19, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Parks** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for assault of a law enforcement officer, armed criminal action and assault in Lafayette County, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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