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SPRINGFIELD MAN INDICTED ON GUN, DRUG CHARGES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today on several firearm- and drug-related charges.

Elgin Humphrey, 28, of Springfield, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Humphrey** was in possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute on Jan. 21, 2003, in Greene County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Humphrey** was in possession of a firearm during the offense alleged in Count One. The indictment alleges that Humphrey was in possession of a Hi-Point 9 mm semi-automatic handgun.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Humphrey** was in possession of a stolen firearm – the Hi-Point 9 mm semi-automatic handgun – which he knew and had reason to believe was stolen.

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

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Kelleher. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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