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WARSAW MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS, NARCOTICS CHARGES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Warsaw, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for violating federal firearms and narcotics laws.

Stephen E. Plummer, 45, of Warsaw, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Plummer** was in possession of a New England Firearms .223 caliber rifle in furtherance of the offense of distribution of methamphetamine – as alleged in Count Two – on March 25, 2003 in Webster County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal to possess a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Plummer** was in possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine on March 25, 2003, in Webster County.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in today's 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 United States Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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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