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SEDALIA MAN INDICTED FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARMS LAW

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

Shamakeith Davis Taylor, 20, of Sedalia, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Jefferson City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Taylor** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver on June 15, 2003, in Pettis County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Taylor** has two 2002 criminal felony convictions for forgery and second degree burglary in Pettis County.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in today's 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 Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Sedalia, Mo., Police Department 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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