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**EASTSIDE GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in San Antonio this morning, federal, state and local authorities arrested four Eastside gang members based upon federal grand jury indictments returned this week.

Those arrested this morning include:

- **Ronnell Williams** – Williams is an East Terrace Gangster charged with one count of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Upon conviction, Williams faces up to ten years in federal prison. Williams was allegedly in possession of a .380 caliber pistol on August 1, 2005. Williams' criminal record includes felony convictions for unauthorized use of a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.
- **Charles Henderson** – Henderson is a Wheatley Court Gangsters member charged with one count of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Upon conviction, Henderson faces up to ten years in federal prison. Henderson was allegedly in possession of a .45 caliber pistol on November 20, 2006. Williams' criminal record includes felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance.
- **Mark King** – King is a Wheatley Court Gangsters member charged with one count of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Upon conviction, King faces up to ten years in federal prison. King was allegedly in possession of a .45 caliber pistol on June 11, 2006. King's criminal record includes a felony conviction for cocaine possession.
- **Michael Obryan Martin** – Martin is a Crockett Block Texas Crips member charged with one count of receipt of a firearm while under indictment for a felony. Upon conviction, Martin faces up to five years in federal prison. Martin allegedly received a .223 caliber rifle at a San Antonio gun show on December 2, 2006. At the time, Martin was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

In addition to those arrested this morning, federal grand jury indictments are also pending against:

- **Leon Jones** – Jones is a gang member already in custody on unrelated charges. Jones is charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. Upon conviction, Jones faces up to ten years in federal prison. Jones allegedly was in possession of a .22 caliber pistol on December 2, 2006.

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- Michael Dewayne Whitley – Whitley is an East Terrace Gangsters member already in custody on related charges. Whitley is charged with one count of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Upon conviction, Whitley faces up to ten years in federal prison. Whitley was allegedly in possession of a .357 revolver on February 27, 2004. Whitley's criminal record includes felony convictions for possession of cocaine, deadly conduct with a firearm and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

This ongoing investigation is being conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives together with the San Antonio Police Department. Further arrests are anticipated. Special Assistant United States Attorney Gerald H. Matheny is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

The prosecution of these cases is another example of how the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas is carrying out the Department of Justice's gun crime initiative - Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide federal initiative designed to reduce gun violence in our communities. PSN promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement to target criminals in possession of guns. Federal law insures that when an armed criminal is arrested, that individual will face swift criminal prosecution and be exiled from the community through the use of stiff mandatory prison sentences.

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