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HOME INVASION AND DRIVE-BY RESULTS IN FEDERAL FIREARMS INDICTMENT IN PORT ARTHUR

BEAUMONT, TX—United States Attorney John L. Ratcliffe announced that a federal grand jury has returned indictments today charging 3 Port Arthur men with federal firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

JAWORSKI DEWAYNE KING, 27, and **JAMON EARL LEE**, 27, both of Port Arthur, have been indicted for theft of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, and felon in possession of a firearm. **LARRY LEWIS, JR.,** 26, Port Arthur, has been indicted for theft of a firearm and possession of a stolen firearm.

According to information presented in court, on July 1, 2007 Port Arthur police officers stopped a vehicle occupied by the defendants in Port Arthur and discovered firearms in the trunk of the car. The traffic stop was pursuant to an investigation of a drive-by shooting earlier in the day. Further investigation revealed that one of the firearms had been stolen during a home invasion robbery in Port Arthur on June 16, 2007. The robbery had not been previously reported to police due to fear of retaliation.

If convicted, they each face up to ten years in federal prison for each count and a fine of up to \$250,000.00.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and Port Arthur Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Ross.

It is important to note that an indictment should not be considered as evidence of guilt and that all persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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