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DUNNEGAN MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Dunnegan, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for illegally possessing two firearms.

Michael Grant Orrell, 28, of Dunnegan, was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City on Nov. 4, 2004.

The indictment alleges that **Orrell** was in possession of a loaded Marlin .22-caliber rifle and a loaded Ruger .22-caliber semi-automatic rifle in Hickory County, Mo., on Aug. 12, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Orrell** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for second degree assault in Polk County, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the 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.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Hickory County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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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