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BYRON FELON INDICTED FOR POSSESSION OF TWO LOADED FIREARMS

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

Kelly D. Griffith, 42, of Byron, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Griffith** was a felon in possession of a loaded Bushmaster .223-caliber rifle and a loaded Remington .243-caliber rifle on Nov. 16, 2004, in Osage County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Griffith** has a 1992 criminal felony conviction for stealing in Osage County.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Osage County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Lake Area Narcotics Enforcement Group, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in this 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 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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