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## **INDICTMENT IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, ON FIREARMS CHARGES**

BATON ROUGE, LA – United States Attorney David R. Dugas announced today that a federal grand jury in the Middle District of Louisiana returned a two-count indictment against JEREMY CARLTON BARRETT, age 44, of Ventress, Louisiana, charging him with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of an unregistered sawed-off shotgun.

If convicted, BARRETT faces a maximum term of imprisonment of life, a fine of up to \$500,000, or both.

The charges resulted from an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office as part of the Project Exile Task Force. Project Exile is a federal program designed to reduce gun violence. Under Project Exile, a convicted felon who possesses a firearm faces federal charges with stiff penalties. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ryan D. McConnell.

NOTE: An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he is proven guilty at trial.

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