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ATF DEFENDANT INDICTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN POLICE SHOOTING

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Special Agent in Charge Michael Boxler of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and John Wood, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a federal grand jury returned an indictment April 11 against Adam Bridgewater of Neosho for federal firearms violations.

ATF agents assisted the Neosho Police, Missouri State Highway Patrol and McDonald County Sheriff's Department March 16 after Bridgewater shot and wounded a Neosho Police Officer during a routine traffic stop, and during a pursuit, shot and wounded a second Neosho police officer. A trooper with the MSHP located Bridgewater exchanging gunfire with him, and the McDonald County Sheriff Deputies who joined in the chase, cornered him on a dead-end road, and also exchanged gunfire with him.

Bridgewater abandoned his vehicle and escaped through the woods. Several firearms were located in the vehicle and blood was also found in the area. ATF agents responded and assisted the local investigators covering leads during the hunt for Bridgewater who eventually was found lying in a field armed with a stolen handgun. A search warrant was served on a storage locker rented by Bridgewater where additional firearms were recovered.

He has been charged with felon in possession of a firearm, drug user in possession of a firearm and possession of stolen firearms. If convicted, Bridgewater faces up to 10 years imprisonment and up to a \$250,000 fine.

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