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Gregory A. White, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, today announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Cleveland returned a five count indictment charging William L. Amos, age 22, 1507 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio, with assaulting and attempting to kill a federal agent and using a firearm during a crime of violence.

The indictment alleges that Amos attempted to kill an agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives while he was engaged in his official duties, assaulted the officer with a dangerous weapon causing bodily injury and with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment also alleges two counts of using, carrying and discharging a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence.

If convicted, the defendant's sentence will be determined by the Court after review of factors unique to this case, including each defendant's prior criminal record, if any, the defendant's role in the offense, and the characteristics of the violation. In all cases the sentence will not exceed the statutory maximum and in most cases it will be less than the maximum.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy L. Kelley, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Youngstown Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted as part of "Project Safe Neighborhoods", a gun violence reduction program of the United States Department of Justice in partnership with state and local law enforcement agencies. The program targets armed felons for federal prosecution.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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