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Weirton Man Indicted on Firearms Violation

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 28 year old Weirton, West Virginia, resident was named in an Indictment returned on February 5, 2008, by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Wheeling, West Virginia.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that ADAM LEE KERN was named in a one-count Indictment. The Indictment alleges that KERN, having been previously convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed firearms in and affecting commerce on January 11, 2008, in Deep Valley, Tyler County, West Virginia.

The Indictment also includes a forfeiture allegation wherein the United States seeks to forfeit any firearm and any ammunition involved in the commission of the offense alleged in the Indictment.

If convicted, KERN faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.