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**BATTLE CREEK RESIDENT INDICTED FOR SELLING SHOTGUN USED TO
MURDER BATTLE CREEK DETECTIVE LaVERN BRANN**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – A federal grand jury has indicted Jack William Sherman, 24, of Battle Creek, for selling a 12-gauge shotgun to convicted felon Genail Quincy Postley, Jr., which Postley later used to murder Battle Creek Police Detective LaVern Brann, U.S. Attorney Charles R. Gross and Calhoun County Prosecutor John Hallacy announced today.

The Indictment alleges that Sherman sold Quincy a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun in April 2005 knowing that Quincy was a convicted felon. Quincy used the shotgun to kill Detective Brann in May 2005 while Brann and his partner were investigating the murder of a Battle Creek taxi driver. Quincy was convicted in 2007 of murdering Detective Brann, and later plead no contest to the murder of the taxi driver.

The Indictment is the result of a cooperative effort of the Battle Creek Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office, and the United States Attorney's Office through its Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

"Project Safe Neighborhoods proves its value every time violent felons, and those who provide guns to violent felons, are taken off the street. Illegal gun trafficking too often has tragic consequences, and that was certainly true in this case," said U.S. Attorney Gross.

Sherman faces up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 if convicted.

The charges in the pending Indictment are only allegations of criminal conduct, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until his guilt is established in court by proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is being prosecuted on behalf of the United States by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Philip J. Green and Christopher M. O'Connor.

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