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ATF INDICTS OZARK MAN FOR FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

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 that a federal grand jury returned an 11-count indictment, April 3, against Rodger Sutherland of Ozark for federal firearms violations.

ATF and the Nixa Police Department became aware of falsified firearms records at R & S Sporting Arms, a federal firearms licensee in Nixa, Mo. Agents were led to Sutherland, the store manager, after further investigation showed that the time frame of several, dated, falsified documents were related to the firearms' transactions.

Sutherland is being charged with making false statements regarding records of a federal firearms licensee. If convicted, Sutherland faces up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$250,000 fine. U.S. Attorney John Wood reminds the public that each charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent of each and every charge until and unless proven guilty.

This case is being prosecuted by the Springfield Office of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri. The case has been investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the Nixa Police Department.

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