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Fairmont Resident Indicted on Firearm Violation

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 26 year old Fairmont, West Virginia, resident was named in an Indictment returned on May 6, 2008, by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that JOHN D. WASHINGTON was named in a one-count Indictment. The Indictment alleges that WASHINGTON, having been previously convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed a Ruger, Model P-90, .45 caliber pistol on October 2, 2007, in Marion County.

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

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Zelda E. Wesley. 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.