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FORMER PROSECUTOR INDICTED ON FEDERAL GUN CHARGES

U. S. Attorney Matthew G. Whitaker, Southern District of Iowa, and Special Agent in Charge John G. Kavanagh of the Omaha Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced that the Federal Grand Jury for the Southern District of Iowa, on June 18, 2008, returned an indictment against Jeffrey Richard Tekippe, formerly of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The indictment charges Tekippe with one count of possession of stolen firearms and one count of possession of firearms as a drug user.

Today, Tekippe was arrested by Special Agents of the FBI Cedar Rapids Resident Agency and the Iowa Department of Public Safety - Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

Tekippe was transported to the U.S. District Court in Davenport for an initial appearance. Following his appearance, he was ordered to be temporarily detained by Magistrate Judge Thomas J. Shields pending a detention hearing on June 27, 2008.

The maximum penalty for possession of stolen firearm is not more than 10 years imprisonment, a fine of not more than \$250,000, or both such imprisonment and fine. The offense of possession of firearms as a drug user carries the same penalties.

As with any criminal case, a charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The investigation is being conducted by the Iowa Department of Public Safety – Division of Criminal Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.