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LOCAL MAN AND WOMAN INDICTED FOR DRUG AND GUN TRAFFICKING

– Man sold firearms and marijuana to convicted felons on numerous occasions

BOWLING GREEN, KY - A federal grand jury in Bowling Green returned an indictment against **David Lynn Beard**, age 38, and **Angela G. Powell**, age 39, of 470 B Goodin Road, Columbia, Kentucky, in Adair County, on charges of knowingly selling firearms to persons previously convicted of felonies, knowingly possessing firearms with obliterated serial numbers; and knowingly distributing hydrocodone and marijuana, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on March 19, 2004, Beard possessed hydrocodone, with the intent to distribute it; on March 20, 2004, February 20 and 27, 2006, and March 8 and 13, 2006, he possessed marijuana with the intent to distribute it; on February 20 and 27, 2006, and March 8, 2006, Beard sold firearms to individuals he knew had been previously convicted of felonies; on February 20, 2006 and March 13, 2006, Beard possessed firearms which had the serial numbers removed or obliterated. The Indictment alleges that on March 8, 2006, Powell was involved in the sale of a firearm to an individual whom she knew had been previously convicted of a felony. The street value of the hydrocodone possessed by Beard was \$160. The street value of the marijuana possessed by Beard was \$3,035.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties for Beard are 60 years imprisonment, a \$2.75 million fine, and supervised release for a period of 27 years; and the maximum potential penalties for Powell are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ann Claire Phillips. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Kentucky State Police, Russell Springs Police Department, Jamestown Police Department, and the Columbia Area HIDTA Task Force as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Beard and Powell are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on August 20, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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