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MULTIPLE TIME FELON INDICTED FOR CARJACKING

- A Felon uses handgun in carjacking

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville, returned an indictment against **Timothy Terrell Ballanger**, age 38, of 216 South Forty Third Street, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, on charges of carjacking and use of a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime by a convicted felon, 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 December 30, 2007 Ballanger used a loaded Titan, model Tiger, .38 Special caliber pistol to steal by force a 2001 Honda Civic from a female victim. The Indictment further alleges, that Ballanger is a convicted felon based upon previously being convicted on June 19, 1989, under State Indictment 88CR1359, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, of Burglary I and Burglary III, and on February 18, 1998, under State Indictment 97CR1766, of four counts of Robbery I and Criminal Mischief I.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalty is Life imprisonment, a \$750,000.00 fine, and supervised release for a period of no more than 5 years, and the minimum potential penalties are 15 years imprisonment.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mac Shannon. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Ballanger is scheduled to be arraigned before United States Magistrate Judge Moyer, on September 16, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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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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