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**SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST HARDIN
COUNTY MAN FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION**

- Porter has prior felony sexual assault convictions

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned a Superseding Indictment against **Charles E. Porter**, age 51, formerly of 22 Buckles Road, Eastview, Kentucky, for being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, 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 Superseding Indictment alleges that on September 6, 2007, Porter possessed a Lorcin, Model L380, .380 caliber pistol, bearing serial number 114361, 24 rounds of .380 caliber ammunition, 2 rounds of 7 mm caliber ammunition, and 37 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition, after he had been convicted of five counts of 1st Degree Sexual Abuse and three counts of 3rd Degree Sodomy in Jefferson County Circuit Court on April 25, 2002. The Superseding Indictment further alleges that Porter was also convicted, in a separate case, of three counts of 3rd Degree Sodomy in Jefferson County Circuit Court on April 25, 2002. The Superseding Indictment adds the ammunition listed above to the original charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Bennett. The Louisville Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Hardin County Sheriff's Office, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are a minimum of 15 years' imprisonment and maximum potential penalties of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Porter is currently in the custody of the United States Marshal's Service and will be arraigned on the Superseding Indictment prior to his trial which is currently scheduled for October 6, 2008, in Louisville.

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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