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CONVICTED DOMESTIC ABUSER CHARGED WITH POSSESSING FIREARM

- Indictment charges possession of .44 caliber pistol

PADUCAH, KY - A federal grand jury in Paducah returned an indictment against **Darnell Greene**, age 55, of 720 Howell Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in Christian County, charging him with possessing a firearm after he had been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of 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.

U.S. Attorney David L. Huber praised the cooperation of the Hopkinsville Police Department and the Christian County Commonwealth Attorney's Office for their work in this case.

The Indictment alleges that on April 5, 2008, Greene was in possession of a Charter Arms .44 caliber revolver. According to the Indictment, Greene was convicted of fourth degree assault, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, in the Christian County, Kentucky, District Court on June 4, 2003. Federal law prohibits persons who have been convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence from possessing firearms or ammunition.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

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 Thomas W. Dyke. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Hopkinsville Police Department, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Greene is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on October 8, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in Paducah, 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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