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**TRIGG COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH USING
MACHINE GUN DURING ROBBERY**

- Handy Corner Market in Cadiz is victim of armed hold-up

PADUCAH, KY - A federal grand jury in Paducah returned an indictment against **Derrick Fowler**, age 20, of 175 Cunningham Avenue, Cadiz Kentucky, in Trigg County, on charges of robbery affecting interstate commerce and using a fully automatic machine gun to commit a crime of 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 and investigative efforts of the Kentucky State Police, the Trigg County Sheriff's Department and the Cadiz Police Department. He also thumbed the Trigg County Commonwealth Attorney's Office for their cooperation in prosecuting the defendant in federal court.

The Indictment alleges that on October 11, 2007, Fowler, aided by other persons, robbed an employee of the Handy Corner Market located in Cadiz, Kentucky, of money belonging to the business. The activities of the Handy Corner Market affect interstate commerce since out-of-state residents purchase goods from the store, and because the store purchases goods from other states that travel in interstate commerce to Kentucky for sale to Kentucky residents. Fowler is also accused of using a fully automatic 9 millimeter "Sten" type machine gun during the robbery.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years; and the minimum potential penalties is 30 years imprisonment.

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 Kentucky State Police, the Trigg County Sheriff's Department and the Cadiz Police Department, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Fowler is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December 10, 2008, at 9:00 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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