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**LOUISVILLE MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL ROBBERY  
AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

*- Convicted felon accused of armed robbery at Long John Silver's*

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **William Louis Tolbert, Jr.**, age 49, of, Louisville, Kentucky, on charges of robbery, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and brandishing a weapon during a crime of violence, 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 October 7, 2008, Tolbert robbed a Long John Silver's restaurant located at 5447 New Cut Road in Louisville. The indictment further alleges that Tolbert, a convicted felon for five previous robberies, brandished a firearm during the robbery.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years; and the minimum potential penalty is 7 years imprisonment.

**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.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rob Bonar. 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 Robbery Unit, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Tolbert is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December 16, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, 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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