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**FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS LOUISVILLE MAN
FOR CRACK COCAINE AND GUN CHARGES**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **ANTHONY LEWIS**, age 29, of 828 South 38th Street, Louisville, Kentucky with possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base (“crack” cocaine), possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The Indictment alleges that on or about November 23, 2004, **Lewis** possessed with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing cocaine base, commonly known as “crack” cocaine. Prior to November 23, 2004, **Lewis** had been convicted of a felony, specifically, First Degree Possession of Controlled Substance. The Indictment alleges that **Lewis**, a convicted felon, possessed a firearm in furtherance of the drug trafficking crime. Specifically, **Lewis** possessed a loaded .9mm Ruger and a loaded Leinad .9 mm pistol.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment and an \$8,500,000.00 fine.

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The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Drug Enforcement Administration and the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a commitment by the Jefferson County and United States Attorneys to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

Lewis is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on April 19, 2005, 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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