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Lexington, Ky. — Frances E. Catron, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Peter O'Connor Acting Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, Louisville Field Division, jointly announce that a Federal Grand Jury in Lexington returned an Indictment today charging **THOMAS M. AULT**, age 25, of Lexington, Kentucky, with violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a), possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine, Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(I), possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence.

The Indictment alleges that on September 15, 2005, in Fayette County, **AULT** possessed a detectable amount of crack cocaine. Further, the Indictment alleges that **AULT** is prohibited from possessing a firearm after having been previously convicted of a felony offense.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, and supervised release for a period of not less than 3 years.

The investigation preceding the Indictment was conducted by the Lexington Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The Indictment was presented to the Grand Jury by Assistant United States Attorney Robert

M. Duncan, Jr.

AULT will appear before the United States District Court on a date and time to be set by the Court in Lexington, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a grand jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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