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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

MADISON, WIS. -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

TWO MEN FACE ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Peter Meeker, 48, and Karl Kreier, 28, Madison, Wis., are charged in a superseding indictment with the robbery of five businesses and a bank in Dane and Columbia Counties between September 28, 2014 and October 11, 2014.

The indictment alleges that Meeker and Kreier robbed the following:

1. Willows Tavern, Willow Road, Township of Westport, Wis., on September 28, 2014;
2. Check n' Go, Zeier Road, Madison, on October 4, 2014;
3. Super Cuts, Zeier Road, Madison, on October 7, 2014;
4. Subway, County Highway CS, Town of Dekorra, Wis., on October 8, 2014;
5. BP Gas Station, Main Street, Village of Dane, Wis., on October 9, 2014; and
6. Bank of Poynette - Harmony Grove Branch, Lodi, Wis., on October 11, 2014.

The indictment alleges that the robberies of the Willows Tavern, Check n' Go, Subway, BP Gas Station, and Bank of Poynette were armed robberies. The indictment also charges Meeker and Kreier with brandishing a firearm during the Willows Tavern, Check n' Go, and Bank of Poynette robberies, and with possessing a firearm during the robberies of Subway and BP Gas Station.

On October 29, 2014, Meeker and Kreier were indicted for armed bank robbery and brandishing a firearm during that robbery. They appeared in U.S. District Court in Madison on November 5, 2014, and were detained in custody pending trial, which has been set for March 2, 2015.

If convicted, Meeker and Kreier face a maximum penalty of 25 years in federal prison on the armed bank robbery charge, and 20 years on each of the other robberies. The first charge of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence carries a mandatory minimum penalty of seven years in federal prison, which would be served consecutively with any penalty imposed on the armed bank robbery charge. Each additional brandishing or possessing a firearm during a crime of violence carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 25 years, to be served consecutively to any other penalty imposed.

The charges against Meeker and Kreier are the result of an investigation by the Columbia and Dane County Sheriffs' Departments, Lodi and Madison Police Departments, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case will be handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita Rumbelow.

MADISON MAN FACES MARIJUANA CHARGE

Gregory Walters, 30, Madison, Wis., is charged with possessing marijuana with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges that he possessed the marijuana on July 11, 2013.

If convicted, Walters faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics Task Force, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of this case will be handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Anderson.

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