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## HARDIN COUNTY MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM

*- Porter has prior felony sexual assault convictions*

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an Indictment against **Charles E. Porter**, age 51, formerly of 22 Buckles Road, Eastview, KY, and currently lodged in the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex, West Liberty, KY, for being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm, 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 September 6, 2007, Porter possessed a Lorcin, Model L380, .380 caliber pistol, bearing serial number 114361 after he had been convicted of five counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Abuse and three counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Sodomy in Jefferson County Circuit Court on April 25, 2002. The Indictment further alleges that Porter was also convicted, in a separate case, of three counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Sodomy in Jefferson County Circuit Court on April 25, 2002.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Bennett. The Louisville Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Hardin County Sheriff's Office, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are a minimum of 15 years' imprisonment and maximum potential penalties of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Porter will be arraigned before a United States Magistrate Judge in Louisville, KY pending his transfer from the Kentucky state prison system.

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**An Indictment is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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