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MADISON, WIS. – Scott C. Blader, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced the unsealing of an indictment charging a Janesville man with being a felon in possession of ammunition. Royal Powell, 35, was charged in an indictment returned by a grand jury on September 12, 2018.

The indictment alleges that Powell possessed ammunition on August 17, 2018.

Powell was arrested and made his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Madison yesterday. He was ordered held in federal custody. His trial has been scheduled for February 25, 2018, before U.S. District Judge William Conley.

If convicted, Powell faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The

charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Janesville Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Julie Pfluger.

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), the U.S. Justice Department's program to reduce violent crime. The PSN approach emphasizes coordination between state and federal prosecutors and all levels of law enforcement to address gun crime, especially felons illegally possessing firearms and ammunition and violent and drug crimes that involve the use of firearms.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.