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MARATHON COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG & GUN CRIMES

MADISON, WIS. – A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin returned an indictment today charging Jacob L. Gould, 34, Weston, Wisconsin with drug crimes involving fentanyl and with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. The indictment is announced by Timothy M. O'Shea, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin.

The indictment alleges that twice on January 6, 2023, Gould possessed fentanyl with intent to distribute, and that one of the possessions with intent to distribute involved 40 grams or more of fentanyl. The indictment also charges that on January 6, 2023, Gould possessed a 9mm handgun and a loaded magazine, knowing he had been previously convicted of a felony offense.

If convicted, Gould faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years and a maximum of 40 years in federal prison on the count alleging the possession of 40 grams or more of fentanyl, 20 years on the second drug count, and 15 years on the gun count.

The charges against Gould are the result of an investigation by the FBI's Central Wisconsin Narcotics Task Force, comprised of investigators from the FBI, Everest Metro Police Department, Marathon County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Wausau Police Department and Wisconsin National Guard Counter Drug Program, with the assistance of the Marathon County District Attorney's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anita Marie Boor is handling the prosecution.

An indictment is merely an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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