

## Hickory Man Indicted in Federal Court

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A Hickory, N.C. man has been charged with methamphetamine trafficking near an elementary school and gun related offenses, announced Anne M. Tompkins, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. U.S. Attorney Tompkins announced the arrest along with ICE Homeland Security, the North Carolina SBI, and Catawba County Sheriff Coy Reid. A federal grand jury sitting in Charlotte returned a seven-count criminal indictment against Gary Carroll, 57, of Hickory, on Tuesday. According to allegations contained in the indictment, from 2010 and into this March, Carroll conspired in the distribution and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. A search warrant was served at Carroll's residence in January, with methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, cash, four firearms – including an assault rifle – and a large quantity of ammunition and ammunition magazines found. The indictment alleges that Carroll's trafficking activities took place from, among other places, his home, which is within 1,000 feet of a public elementary school. That one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess near the school carries a mandatory minimum of 10 years and a maximum of life in prison and a \$10 million fine with, other counts carrying a maximum of 40 years in prison and millions in fines.