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**MORGANFIELD MAN SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS AND 9 MONTHS
FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND GUN CHARGES
– *Felon tried to distribute \$50,370 worth of meth***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **ANTHONY KEYS**, age 26, of 641 West Spaulding Street, Morganfield, Kentucky, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for drug trafficking and to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Keys had a Hi-Point Model JHP .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and six rounds of Winchester .40 caliber ammunition that he used in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, sentenced **Keys** to 9 years and 9 months, plus 4 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Keys had pled guilty to conspiring to possess crack cocaine with intent to distribute and distributing crack cocaine and cocaine from in and about October 2005 until on or about December 27, 2005. Further, **Keys** pled guilty to possessing with intent to distribute cocaine and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine. The drugs had a street value of approximately \$50,370.00.

Keys was previously convicted of trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree,

a class C felony, in Union Circuit Court in Union County, Kentucky.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin, and investigated by the Kentucky State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

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

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