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LOUISVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR SELLING CRACK COCAINE

– 3 time convicted robber

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 that on March 7, 2007, **SHON PATRICK TAYLOR**, age 28, of 7130 Bronner Circle, Louisville, Kentucky, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for drug trafficking and possessing a 12-gauge shotgun to further his drug trafficking.

Charles R. Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Taylor**, a three-time convicted robber, to 15 years and 8 months, plus 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Taylor pled guilty in December 2006, admitting that on or about June 16, 2006, he possessed approximately 14 grams of crack cocaine for sale, with a street value exceeding \$1400. **Taylor** further admitted to possessing a loaded 12 gauge Mossberg shotgun in furtherance of this drug trafficking offense. **Mr. Taylor** agreed to forfeit the Mossberg AT 12-gauge shotgun and \$567 in U.S. currency pursuant to his plea agreement. **Taylor** has previously been convicted of three robbery offenses, which made him eligible for not less than a 15 year

sentence under the Armed Career Criminal Act.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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

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