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PERSISTENT FELONY OFFENDER INDICTED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK-COCAINE

PADUCAH, KY - 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 today that on May 15, 2007, a federal grand jury in Paducah returned an indictment against Corey Lamarr Johnson, age 37, of 2300 Park Avenue, Paducah in McCracken County, on charges of conspiracy and distribution of crack-cocaine.

The Indictment alleges that between July and October 17, 2006, Johnson conspired with persons known and unknown to the grand jury to possess with the intent to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine in McCracken County, Kentucky. In addition, the Indictment charges that on July 14, 2006 and on October 17, 2006, Johnson did in fact distribute more than 5 grams of crack-cocaine in McCracken County. The Indictment also charges that on August 18th and 25th, 2006, Johnson again distributed crack-cocaine in McCracken County. The crack-cocaine recovered in this matter has a street value of over \$2,300.

Usually, in the event of a conviction, the minimum potential penalty would be five years imprisonment with a maximum potential penalty of forty years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least four years. However, because Johnson has been deemed a Persistent Felony Offender by the Commonwealth of Kentucky with a prior state court

conviction for trafficking in a controlled substance, the minimum penalties can be doubled in federal court. Therefore in the event of a conviction, Johnson is facing a minimum penalty of ten years imprisonment with a maximum of life, a \$4,000,000 fine and supervised release for a period of at least eight years following incarceration.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Paducah Police Department.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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