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BOWLING GREEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

BOWLING GREEN, KY - Brandon Marcel Carter, age 25, of 1589 Moorman Lane, Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, pled guilty to possessing with the intent to distribute cocaine base, commonly referred to as "crack" cocaine, 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.

On August 2, 2005, police stopped Carter's green Buick traveling south on Clay Street, in Warren County, Bowling Green, Kentucky, where they observed the car's cracked windshield. A citation was issued for an obstructed (*i.e.*, cracked), windshield. When Carter handed the officer his Maryland driver's license, the officer returned to his patrol car and ran the license through dispatch. The license had been suspended and Carter also had an outstanding warrant. Based on the suspended license, the officer arrested Carter.

Incident to his arrest, the Buick was searched where they found a loaded .380 caliber pistol from Carter's pocket and approximately 4.5 grams of crack cocaine and approximately \$300.00 in Carter's pants pockets. An examination of the substance confirmed that it was cocaine base.

Carter possessed the cocaine base, *i.e.*, "crack" cocaine with the intent to distribute it. At the same time, he knowingly possessed a loaded .380 caliber pistol.

The maximum potential penalties are 20 years' imprisonment, a \$ 1,000,000.00 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least 3 years and could include life.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in close association with the Bowling Green / Warren County Drug Task Force conducted the investigation.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Carter is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on August 16, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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