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## PRESS RELEASE

### **BROCKTON MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS**

Boston, MA... A Brockton man was sentenced today in federal court for possessing crack cocaine and powder cocaine powder with the intent to distribute and being a felon in possession of ammunition.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Boston Field Division; Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz; Colonel Mark Delaney, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; and William Conlon, Chief of the Brockton Police Department, announced that **PAUL HICKS, JR.**, age 35, of 15 Cabot Street, Brockton, Massachusetts was sentenced to 360 months imprisonment, to be followed by 8 years of supervised release.

**HICKS** was convicted by a federal jury in October 2006. At trial, the government's evidence showed that on January 20, 2005, detectives from the Massachusetts State Police and Brockton Police Department executed a search warrant at 15 Cabot Street in Brockton, after receiving information that **HICKS**, a previously convicted felon, had been selling crack cocaine in Brockton and elsewhere. During the search, detectives found **HICKS** in a bedroom, near a night stand that contained assorted handgun ammunition and magazines. In the basement, they discovered, hidden in the tubular legs of a weight bench, 21.22 grams of crack cocaine and 125.18 grams of cocaine powder, which together had a street value of approximately \$13,000.

Federal law prohibits individuals previously convicted of a federal or state felony from possessing firearms or ammunition.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Massachusetts State Police and the Brockton Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan F. Mitchell of Sullivan's Economic Crimes Unit.

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