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**BOWLING GREEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRAFFICKING IN COCAINE AND
CRACK COCAINE**

OWENSBORO, KY - Cornelius Tevarus Baskin, age 27, of 1112 Raven Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, pled guilty to two counts of possessing with the intent to distribute cocaine and 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.

Baskin admitted that on July 20, 2006, another man, Fred Ennis made a recorded call to Baskin. During the call, Ennis ordered 4½ ounces of cocaine. Baskin delivered the cocaine to Ennis. At that time, law enforcement officials arrested Baskin.

The police searched Baskin's vehicle incident to his arrest. As a result of the search, they seized approximately an ounce (*i.e.*, more than 5 grams), of cocaine base, commonly referred to as "crack cocaine." Baskin admitted that he possessed the crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it. All the events occurred in Warren County, Kentucky, in the Western District of Kentucky. The drugs had an estimated street value of \$13,000.

The maximum potential penalties are 60 years' imprisonment, a \$3,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of not less than 4 years and could include life. Baskin faces a statutory mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted this investigation in partnership with the Warren County / Bowling Green Drug Task Force, as part of their mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr. Judge, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Baskin is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on September 13, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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