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**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORTS WEEKLY RESULTS
OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE**

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshals Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

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LADARIUS VENICE COOK, 30, 100 block of Glen Garry, St. Louis County was sentenced to 20 years in prison (240 months) on one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

JOHN THEBEAU, 43, was sentenced to 216 months prison on two felony counts of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

DARON WHITT, 26, 5000 block of Louisiana Avenue, St. Louis, 63116, was sentenced to 100 months prison on one felony count of possession with intent to distribute in excess of five grams of crack cocaine and one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

GREGORY DARNELL DOWDY, 28, 8700 block of Jennings Station road, Jennings, was sentenced to 92 months prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

LOUIS LEON LOGAN, JR., 24, 4300 block of Arco Avenue, St. Louis 63310, was sentenced to 18

months prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

DARNELL THORNTON, 21, 5600 block of Hamilton, St. Louis, was sentenced to 14 months in prison on one felony count of selling a firearm to a convicted felon.