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LOUISVILLE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS AND 8 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF CRACK COCAINE AND METHAMPHETAMINE

*– Over \$100,000 worth of methamphetamine and crack cocaine and three guns
discovered on two occasions*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Shaun Edward Hill, age 24, of Louisville, in Jefferson County, was sentenced to 15 years and 8 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possession of both cocaine base (otherwise known as “crack” cocaine) and methamphetamine with the intent to distribute them, 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. Charles R. Simpson, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Hill to 4 years supervised release following incarceration.

U.S. Attorney Huber praised the Louisville Metro Police Department “for taking this dealer off the street for 15 years.” There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Hill had admitted that on July 27, 2005, he possessed with the intent to distribute approximately 10.9 grams of methamphetamine and approximately 13.28 grams of cocaine base. Hill also possessed a Rexio “Pucara 383” model .38 caliber revolver at the time of the offense. As part of his plea, Hill further admitted that when he was arrested in California on April 20, 2006 on the warrant issued as a result of the Indictment in this case, he possessed with the intent to distribute approximately 995 grams of 40% pure methamphetamine and two firearms,

including one Inter Dynamics model KG99 9 millimeter semiautomatic pistol and one Ruger P85 9 millimeter semiautomatic pistol. This conduct was included for purposes of determining Hill's sentence under the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The estimated street value of the crack cocaine is at least \$1300, and the estimated street value of the methamphetamine is \$100,000.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, ATF and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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