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## **MAYFIELD DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING**

### *- Alert Mayfield Policeman Nabs Dealer*

PADUCAH, Ky. - **Mario Collins**, age 30, of Mayfield, Kentucky, in Graves County, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute, 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. Judge Thomas B. Russell, United States District Court, also sentenced Collins, who has a previous cocaine dealing conviction, to 8 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Judge Russell also ordered Collins to forfeit four Bellagio Chrome Spinners worth approximately \$5,000 and \$989 in currency.

United States Attorney Huber praised the Mayfield Police Department for “their excellent police work in taking this drug dealer off the streets for 10 years.”

Collins pled guilty to possession of crack with the intent to distribute and admitted that, on June 6, 2006, he had approximately 22 grams of crack packaged for sale, which is worth approximately \$2200 on the street. A Mayfield police officer found Collins and a passenger parked in a car with its engine running on Gibson Drive in Mayfield. The officer saw what appeared to be a bag of crack in the open ashtray of the car and called for back up assistance.

Because Collins had a previous 1995 conviction for possession with intent to deliver or sell cocaine in Shelby County, Tennessee, Collins was required to serve a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amy M. Sullivan. The Paducah Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with Mayfield Police Department, and the Pennyrite Drug Task Force, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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