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**BOWLING GREEN CRACK COCAINE DEALER SENTENCED TO
3 YEARS 10 MONTHS FOR POSSESSING WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE
CRACK COCAINE**

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Brandon Marcel Carter**, age 25, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, was sentenced to 3 years 10 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of 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. Carter had previously pled guilty to possessing with the intent to distribute cocaine base, commonly referred to as "crack" cocaine. Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Carter to three years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

On August 2, 2005, police stopped Carter's green Buick traveling south on Clay Street, in Warren County, Bowling Green, Kentucky, where they observed the car's cracked windshield. A citation was issued for an obstructed (*i.e.*, cracked), windshield. When Carter handed the officer his Maryland driver's license, the officer returned to his patrol car and ran the license through dispatch. The license had been suspended and Carter also had an outstanding warrant. Based on the suspended license, the officer arrested Carter.

Incident to Carter's arrest, the Buick was searched where they found a loaded .380 caliber pistol from Carter's pocket and approximately 4.5 grams of crack cocaine and approximately \$300.00 in Carter's pants pockets.

Carter possessed the cocaine base, *i.e.*, "crack" cocaine with the intent to distribute it. At the same time, he knowingly possessed a loaded .380 caliber pistol.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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.

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