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**LOUISVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL NARCOTICS  
AND FIREARMS OFFENSES**

*-- Convicted felon charged with possessing a firearm and with possessing crack cocaine, heroin, and cocaine with the intent to distribute*

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Micah Dion Gasaway**, age 27, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, on charges of possession of firearms by a convicted felon, and possessing cocaine, heroin and marijuana with the intent to distribute, 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.

The Indictment alleges that on December 1, 2006, Gasaway sold cocaine and heroin and possessed additional cocaine, heroin, crack cocaine, and marijuana, intending to sell it. The indictment further alleges that Gasaway, who had previously been convicted of drug trafficking, wanton endangerment, tampering with physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance, possessed a Smith & Wesson .40 caliber pistol. The total street value of the drugs seized was \$14,000.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 10 years; and the minimum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3

years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert B. Bonar. 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 mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

**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, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

Gasaway is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on October 16, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

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**The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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