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EIGHT CHARGED IN ATLANTA VIOLENT CRIMES

Atlanta, GA (October 4, 2007): Eight men have been charged after a spate of violent crimes during this past summer in Atlanta. Atlanta Police and the Fulton County District Attorney, in cooperation with the U. S. Marshals South East Regional Fugitive Task Force and U. S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), made the announcement today. The men, ranging in age from 19 to 28, have been charged in connection with three homicides and an aggravated assault.

The arrests were as a result of relentless police work. "We have reason to believe these criminals were the source of a great deal of brutality in our community. I am concerned by the weapons they possessed and the conscience they did not," said Chief Richard J. Pennington. "I am proud of the work our officers, along with the U. S. Marshals and ATF, have done to make our streets safer today."

During searches, police seized assault rifles, high powered pistols and body armor. "The individuals taken into custody in this case represent numerous actions of extreme violence, as well as the seizure of a significant number of assault weapons," said Richard Mecum, United States Marshal, Northern District of Georgia. "The removal of such individuals and their weapons has a positive impact, leading to safer streets in Atlanta."

The Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) initiated the joint effort. "The multi-agency cooperation in this investigation can be described as nothing short of seamless," said ATF Special Agent in Charge Vanessa McLemore. "By disrupting this violent crime spree of robbery and murders, the ATF/APD VCIT and the Fulton County DA's Office lend true testament to putting words into action. These arrests are one more step towards making our neighborhoods safe."

"The evidence we have gathered to this point indicates that several of these individuals were involved in the June 2007 death of Randy Griffin, a victim and witness in an armed robbery. This case has been indicted and is pending in Fulton Superior Court," said District Attorney Paul Howard. "These arrests serve notice that we will tolerate neither the death nor any harm to any witness in our criminal justice system."

A total of nine charges have been laid against the eight men, with more charges pending. Police believe these individuals may be responsible for a number of other homicides and violent crime in Atlanta.

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CHARGED:

CARLOS DRENNAN

DOB: 12-31-78
Arrested: 10-02-07 at Baldwin State Prison
Charged with: Murder

EDWARD MORRIS III

aka: Slugga
DOB: 09-10-1979
Arrested: 9-21-07 at Grady Hospital, Atlanta, GA
Charged with: Murder

MAURICE KEVIN HARGROVE

aka: Mo
DOB: 10-10-82
Arrested: 09-28-07 at 165 Pryor Street, Atlanta, GA
Charged with: Murder

ASHTON MITCHELL

aka: Stroh
DOB: 01-16-86
Arrested: 09-30-07 at 1342 Winslow Drive, Jonesboro, GA
Charged with: Murder

PRENTICE MCNEIL

aka: Prent or Prince
DOB: 05-28-84
Arrested: 09-28-07 at 1599 Memorial Drive, Atlanta, GA
Charged with: Murder and Aggravated Assault

MARCO MOSES

aka: White Boy Marco
DOB: 02-15-85
Arrested: 09-30-07 at 590 Buckingham Terr., Fairburn, GA
Charged with: Aggravated Assault; released on bond 10-03-07

MOERISE WILLIAMS

aka: Summerhill Moe or Moe
DOB: 07-02-81
Arrested: 10-01-07 in Miami, FL
Charged with: Aggravated Assault

GEORGE KERRY REDDING

aka: Keon
DOB: 10-05-87
Arrested: 10-02-07 at 4100 John Arnold Circle, Clayton County, GA
Charged with: Murder

WEAPONS SEIZED:

09-28-07	1599 Memorial Drive	1	.40 caliber pistol
	3101 Glen Echo Drive	6	7.62 assault rifles
		2	.223 assault rifles
		1	.38 caliber pistol
09-30-07	1343 Winslow Drive Jonesboro, GA	1	9mm pistol
09-30-07	590 Buckingham Terrace Fairburn, GA	1	.40 caliber pistol
		1	9mm pistol
10-02-07	4100 John Arnold Circle Clayton County	1	7.62 assault rifle
		1	.223 assault rifle
		1	.45 caliber pistol