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LOUISVILLE CRACK DEALER SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Michael A. Lige**, age 26, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and marijuana; possession with the intent to distribute both crack and marijuana; possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, 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. Charles R. Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Lige to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Lige had plead guilty on July 2, 2007, to conspiring with his co-defendants, Aaron Porter and Christopher Clark, to sell crack cocaine and marijuana. Lige provided the drugs to Porter and Clark for resale and provided a firearm to Porter for protection of the drugs and the money Porter received in payment for drugs. The estimated street value of the crack is \$1,000 and the estimated street value of the marijuana is \$600.

Porter plead guilty on June 14, 2007, and was sentenced on September 1, 2006, to 10 years and 3 months imprisonment. Clark is a fugitive and the charges against him are pending in U.S. District Court.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randy Ream. The

Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with Louisville Metropolitan Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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