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NINE INDICTED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND FIREARMS CRIMES *Eight arrested in Trotwood roundup; one remains at large*

TROTWOOD, Ohio – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives special agents (ATF), Trotwood Police officers and members of the U.S. Marshals Service Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAST) have arrested eight individuals indicted by a federal grand jury in Dayton, Ohio, on narcotics and firearms charges. Those arrested are part of a group of nine defendants named in a 23-count indictment returned under seal on Nov. 13 and unsealed today. One defendant remains at large. The indictment was the result of a seven-month investigation conducted by ATF and the Trotwood Police.

Gregory G. Lockhart, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Christopher P. Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge, Columbus Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Trotwood Public Safety Director Michael Etter announced the indictment and arrests today.

Sadowski said, "ATF is committed to ridding our communities of the plague of violence associated with drug trafficking."

"This was a joint effort between Trotwood and federal law enforcement that spanned over seven months and resulted in making Trotwood and Montgomery County a safer place. Trotwood is very appreciative of the cooperation and teamwork shared between the federal agencies," said Etter.

"Illegal drug trafficking and illegal gun trafficking are two poisonous crimes in communities," Lockhart said. "I want to commend all ATF agents and Trotwood Police officers who have undertaken this investigation."

Those charged in the indictment are:

- * Antonio Pierce a/k/a Tony a/k/a Little Tone, age 25, is named in 17 of the 23 counts including conspiracy, aiding and abetting, gun trafficking and drug trafficking;
- * Reginald Langford a/k/a Reggie age 36, is named in 16 counts including conspiracy, aiding and abetting, gun crimes and drug trafficking crimes;
- * Robert D. Barnett a/k/a Rob age 28, is named in eight counts including conspiracy, aiding and abetting, gun trafficking and drug trafficking;
- * Jerry Brown, a/k/a Old School a/k/a Main age 49, named in six counts including aiding and abetting, conspiracy, gun crimes and drug trafficking crimes;

- * Paris Boyd, age 21, named in three counts including conspiracy, drug trafficking and a gun crime;
- * Delorean Davis a/k/a Dee-Lo age 21, also named in 3 counts is charged with aiding and abetting, conspiracy, gun crimes and drug trafficking crimes;
- * Anthony Brown a/k/a Uncle Tony age 57, charged in five counts with aiding and abetting, conspiracy, gun crimes and drug trafficking;
- * Keith B. Wilkes Sr. a/k/a Senior age 49, named in eight counts and charged with conspiracy, aiding and abetting, gun crimes and drug trafficking;
- * Henry Pierce age 66, is charged with conspiracy and a gun crime.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Merz ordered Antonio Pierce, Rob Barnett, Jerry Brown, Anthony Brown, and Keith Wilkes Senior detained pending trial. Delorean Davis and Paris Boyd were granted bond, but placed on electronic monitoring. Henry Pierce was released on bond last Wednesday. Reginald Langford remains at large.

Five federal search warrants were also executed on Nov. 20 at locations in Trotwood. Approximately \$3,900 in cash was seized along with 14 firearms and a small quantity of suspected crack cocaine from the various search sites.

All defendants except for Henry Pierce are charged with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, which carries a minimum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and up to life imprisonment. The gun charges for all defendants except Henry Pierce carry a punishment of at least five years imprisonment consecutive to any other time served.

An indictment is merely an accusation. All defendants should be presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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