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## **TENNESSEE CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO OVER 12 YEARS FOR POSSESSING CRACK COCAINE AND FIREARMS**

Memphis, Tenn.— Special Agent in Charge James Cavanaugh of the Nashville Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); David Kustoff, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee and Dave McGriff, Director of the West Tennessee Drug Task Force (WTDTF) announced today that Roderick Campbell 37, of Memphis was sentenced to 151 months in prison for possessing crack cocaine in violation of Title 21 U.S. Code Section 841(a)(1). Campbell was also sentenced to 120 months in prison for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearms in violation of Title 18 U.S. Code, Section 922(g)(1). Campbell pled guilty to the charges in May 2007.

U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Mays for the Western District of Tennessee also placed Campbell on three years of supervised release following his prison term. There is no parole in the federal prison system.

Campbell was previously convicted of distribution of cocaine and was sentenced to the Tennessee Department of Corrections for three years in 1989. Under federal law, convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

“Campbell’s drug sales and illegal gun possession definitely caught up with him,” said Cavanaugh. “If anyone believes that such a lifestyle is the way to get ahead in life, then you can expect a visit from law enforcement followed by a lengthy prison term.”

According to case background, on Sept. 22, 2006, the WTDTF conducted a state search warrant at Campbell’s residence located at 3566 W. Elkwood Cove in Memphis. As a result of the search warrant crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and several firearms were recovered as evidence. ATF was contacted to open a federal firearms investigation.

This case is the result of the combined efforts of ATF and WTDTF under the Project Safe Neighborhoods violent crime reduction initiative. Assistant U.S. Attorney Katrina Earley handled prosecution for the United States.

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