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**FORESTVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON  
ON GUN AND DRUG CHARGES**

*Greenbelt*, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte sentenced Brian Lee Toles, age 24, of Forestville, Maryland, today to 188 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute phencyclidine and possession of a firearm after being previously convicted of a felony, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Messitte enhanced Toles' sentence based on his two previous narcotics convictions and a conviction for assault.

According to his guilty plea, on January 12, 2007, a Prince Georges County Police officer stopped a car driven by Toles. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana. Officers searched the vehicle and located a hidden compartment in the center console. In the hidden compartment accessed from the driver's side, officers recovered a glass bottle containing approximately 3.5 grams of phencyclidine, commonly known as PCP, and a loaded Sig Sauer semi-automatic .357 handgun containing one bullet in the chamber and 12 additional rounds of ammunition in the magazine, and a 30 round extended clip which contained 16 rounds of ammunition. Officers also recovered approximately 15 grams of marijuana and packaging material from the hidden compartment accessed from the passenger side.

The amount of PCP that was packaged in the glass bottle is frequently used to distribute phencyclidine in the form of dippers, which are cigarettes dipped in the phencyclidine, and which are commonly sold for approximately \$20.00 per cigarette.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Prince George's Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their investigative work, and commended Assistant United States Attorney Deborah A. Johnson, who prosecuted the case.