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**LOUISVILLE DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG
TRAFFICKING OFFENSES**

*– Admits he possessed substantial quantities of both “crack” and
powder cocaine for distribution*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Dominique James, age 23, of 1529 South 35th Street, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, pled guilty to possessing cocaine powder and cocaine base with the intent to distribute these substances, 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, Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

James admitted that on June 8, 2006, he ran a red light at Old Miller’s Lane and Cane Run Road in Louisville. A Louisville Metro Police Department (“LMPD”) officer saw the traffic violation and stopped the vehicle James was driving. The LMPD officer police asked James to get out of the car and when he did so, the LMPD officer could see several pieces of suspected crack cocaine on the seat of the car. A K-9 drug dog summoned to the scene alerted to the trunk of the vehicle. Police found a bag containing 37.7 grams of crack cocaine, a bag containing 68 grams of powder cocaine, digital scales, a Pyrex bowl with cocaine residue and a baggie containing baking soda in the trunk of the car. James had \$520.00 in cash on him. James admitted that the quantities of drugs found in the trunk of the car were consistent with the intent to distribute both the crack cocaine and powder cocaine to others.

The estimated street value of the "crack" and powder cocaine involved in the case is \$3,500.00.

The maximum potential penalties are 60 years imprisonment, a \$3,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of life; and the minimum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of 4 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before James D. Moyer, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

James is scheduled to be sentenced before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, on November 3, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

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