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**LOUISVILLE DRUG DEALER ADMITS ATTEMPTING TO BUY  
TWO KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER**

*– Two-time felon caught with \$22,820 cash in attempted buy*

LOUISVILLE, KY - George Breed, age 36, of 1734 William E. Summers Street, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, pled guilty on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, to attempting to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute it and to assaulting a federal officer, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Breed, along with co-defendant Shawon Hickman, had attempted to purchase two kilograms of cocaine and was caught in a drug sting. When he saw police approaching to arrest him, he accelerated his vehicle and struck the vehicle of a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives that was trying to apprehend him.

Breed's prior criminal history includes a 1998 state conviction for trafficking in cocaine and marijuana as well as a second conviction in 2002 for trafficking in cocaine and marijuana and for being a persistent felony offender.

U.S. Attorney Huber noted the cooperative efforts of six local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, saying "together they kept two kilos of cocaine off the streets that Breed would have eventually purchased from someone else and sold for profit."

Facts

On June 20, 2007 Shawon Hickman ("Hickman") contacted a man and arranged to

purchase two kilograms of cocaine. Unbeknownst to Hickman, the seller he contacted was a Drug Enforcement Administration Confidential Source. At approximately 6:05 p.m. that evening, Hickman and Breed arrived at a prearranged meeting location in a pickup truck driven by Breed to purchase the two kilograms of cocaine from the Confidential Source. The Confidential Source asked Hickman and Breed if they had the money. Hickman then showed the Confidential Source a large quantity of cash. After seeing the cash, the Confidential Source obtained a backpack containing two "dummy" kilograms of cocaine. The Confidential Source handed the backpack containing the two "dummy" kilograms of cocaine to Breed through the driver's side window of Breed's pickup truck. Breed then handed the backpack to Hickman in the passenger seat.

Once the backpack had been handed through the window, law enforcement agents moved in to arrest Hickman and Breed. When Breed saw the law enforcement agents approaching, he drove away in his pickup truck at a high rate of speed, striking the vehicle of an ATF Special Agent who was attempting to block the vehicle from leaving the scene. When agents were able to get Breed's vehicle stopped, Breed fled on foot but was apprehended after a foot pursuit. Hickman was arrested in the vehicle, where \$22,820.00 in cash was discovered. The officers that arrested Breed reported that during post Miranda questioning, Breed admitted that he had agreed to drive Hickman to meet with Hickman's drug source of supply to purchase "powder", referring to cocaine. Breed stated that he thought he would be compensated with a portion of the cocaine to be purchased by Hickman during the deal. Breed said that he drove Hickman to the Sam's Club parking lot where they met with an a man who asked them if they had money for "two". Breed admitted that he took possession of the backpack containing two "bricks" of what he believed to be cocaine from the man. Breed stated that shortly after taking receipt of what he believed was cocaine, he saw the police pull behind his vehicle. Breed stated that he decided to

flee from the officers in his vehicle because he was currently on parole for a previous state drug charge. Breed stated that he may or may not have struck a vehicle, but could not conclusively recall.

The maximum potential penalties are 60 years imprisonment, a \$2,250,000 fine, and supervised release for life; and the minimum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of 4 years. The plea agreements for Hickman and Breed also demand forfeiture of the \$22,820.00 in cash found in Breed's truck.

The approximate street value of the cocaine involved in the offense is \$37,000.00.

Breed's co-defendant Shawon Hickman entered a plea of guilty on August 1, 2008. Hickman also admitted that he was present to purchase 2 kilograms of cocaine to later sell at a profit. Hickman is currently awaiting sentencing on November 3, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. before John G. Heyburn, Chief Judge, United States District Court.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") Task Force, which includes officers from a number of different local agencies including the Oldham County Police Department, the Kentucky State Police, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the Louisville Metro Police Department as well as federal agents from DEA, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Breed entered his plea before John G. Heyburn, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky. Sentencing has been scheduled for November 10, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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