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**CONVICTED FELON INDICTED ON FEDERAL NARCOTICS  
AND WEAPONS CHARGES**

*- Louisville man charged with trafficking crack and possessing two handguns*

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Damon Lamont Hughes**, age 30, of 3203 Melody Acres Lane, Apt. #1, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, on charges of possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on March 6, 2008, Hughes possessed over 50 grams crack cocaine intending to sell it. The Indictment further charges Hughes with possessing two .38 caliber revolvers. Hughes had been previously convicted in Jefferson Circuit Court of Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance from two separate cases, and Fleeing or Evading Police, all felonies. The street value of the drugs was approximately \$6,500.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for life; and the minimum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, and supervised release for a period of 5 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert B. Bonar. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

conducted the investigation in partnership with Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

**This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire** is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

Hughes is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on October 14, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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**The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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