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## BOSTON GANG ASSOCIATES CONVICTED OF DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIMES

BOSTON, MA - Two Boston men associated with Boston's notorious Woodward Avenue Gang were convicted in U.S. District Court yesterday, of conspiring to distribute crack cocaine and aiding and abetting the distribution crack cocaine in a school zone on two dates in September and October, 2007.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan, Police Commissioner Edward Davis of the Boston Police Department, Kevin Lane, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration - Boston Field Division and Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives - Boston Field Division, announced today that **PATRICK GOMES, A/K/A "PISTOL,"** age 23, of 19 Edgewood Street in Boston, was convicted by a jury sitting before U.S. District Judge Nathaniel B. Gorton of conspiring to distribute more than 5 grams of cocaine base, a/k/a "crack cocaine" and aiding and abetting the distribution of crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of the Ralph W. Emerson School located at 6 Shirley Street in Roxbury.

**GOMES'** conviction came three days after his co-defendant, **ALEX CURET, A/K/A "A.J.,"** age 22, of 44 Woodward Avenue in Roxbury pled guilty to the same charges shortly before the jury was empaneled.

Evidence presented during the 4-day trial proved that a cooperating witness, working for the Boston Police Department, made two crack cocaine purchases from **GOMES** and **CURET** in the Fall of 2007. The first purchase took place on Dudley Street on September 27, 2007. The second sale took place six days later on October 3, 2007 outside **CURET'**s residence at 44 Woodward Avenue. Both sales involved in excess of 5 grams of crack cocaine and took place within 1000 feet of the Ralph W. Emerson Elementary School.

At an earlier detention hearing, **CURET** and **GOMES** were each identified as being members of a street gang primarily consisting of Cape Verdean males that congregate in the area of Woodward Avenue in Roxbury and identifies itself as "Woodward Avenue," "George Street," and "Purple City." Members of the Woodward Avenue Gang have been identified as being involved with drug and gun trafficking, demonstrations intended to intimidate witnesses inside state courts, and as active participants in one of Boston's most active and violent gang disputes.

Judge Gorton scheduled sentencing for January 29 and 30, 2009. **CURET** faces up to 80 years imprisonment, with a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence, to be followed by at least 8 years of supervised release and a \$4 million fine. **GOMES** faces up to 40 years in prison with a 5-year mandatory minimum sentence, to be followed by at least 8 years of supervised release and a \$4 million fine.

The case was investigated by the Boston Police Department's Special Investigation Unit, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys of Sullivan's Organized Crime Strike Force Unit.

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