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**LOUISVILLE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS ON  
FEDERAL NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

*- Convicted felon possessed a handgun and crack cocaine*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Ronnie L. Robinson, age 33, of 1225 Dahl Road, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and carrying a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking, 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 (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Joseph McKinnley, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Robinson to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Robinson had plead guilty to possessing over five grams of crack cocaine and a loaded .40 caliber Kel-Tec handgun in his vehicle on May 25, 2007. A LMPD officer discovered the narcotics and firearm while conducting a routine traffic stop of Robinson for driving without his license plate illuminated. The crack cocaine had a street value of approximately \$4,000. Robinson had previously been convicted of illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance, Receiving Stolen Property over \$300, Facilitation to Criminal Syndicate, and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, all felonies.

The case was 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 was 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.

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