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**SHELBYVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA
AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Depree Harris**, age 29, of 1631 Juniper Drive, Shelbyville, Kentucky, in Shelby County, pled guilty to two separate counts of distributing marijuana and one count of possessing a firearm while using or addicted to a controlled substance, 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.

Harris pled guilty pursuant to a written Plea Agreement filed on open court. According to the Plea Agreement, on or about August 13, 2004, Harris sold, in Jefferson County, approximately 26 grams of marijuana to a confidential informant that he had been buying guns from.

On or about September 2, 2004, Harris once again sold approximately one pound of marijuana for \$1,300.00 and four firearms to an undercover police officer. Law enforcement officials arrested Harris following the marijuana deal and found \$1,300.00 of pre-recorded buy money for the marijuana transaction in Harris' front left pant pocket.

For the September 2, 2004, transaction, Harris traveled from his residence in Shelby County to the parking lot of an apartment complex on Shelbyville Road in Louisville, Kentucky. He drove to the meeting place in a car. Harris had a loaded Keltec CNC Industries, Inc., Model

P-11, 9mm pistol, bearing serial number 115155, in the glove compartment of the car when he went to make the drug deal. Harris admitted during an interview after his arrest that while he had not smoked marijuana that day, he was a regular marijuana user and had been so for several years. The street value of the marijuana from both transactions totaled approximately \$1,480.00.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 20 years' imprisonment, a \$750,000.00 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least 2 years.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless is prosecuting the case. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Shelbyville Police Department, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Harris entered the pleas of guilty before United States District Judge Jennifer B. Coffman, in Louisville, Kentucky. He is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Coffman on February 23, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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