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PORT ARTHUR MAN RECEIVES LIFE SENTENCE FOR GUN AND DRUG CRIMES

BEAUMONT, TX – United States Attorney Rebecca A. Gregory announced today that a 32-year-old Port Arthur man has been sentenced to Life in federal prison for gun and drug violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

DARRYL DEWAYNE EDWARDS was found Guilty by a jury on January 23, 2008 of Attempting to Manufacture Crack Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine, Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Edwards, also known as David Devon Wilson, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Ron Clark to Life in federal prison plus 5 years.

According to information presented in court, on October 2, 2007, a federal search warrant was executed at Edwards' Port Arthur residence during which law enforcement officers located crack cocaine, a firearm, a large amount of cocaine, and implements to cook crack cocaine. Edwards was indicted by a federal grand jury and charged with gun and drug violations. He was tried in federal court and found guilty on January 23, 2008. Based on two prior drug convictions and the finding of guilt on these charges, the federal statute requires a mandatory Life sentence. The punishment for the gun charge must be run consecutive to this Life sentence. Edwards was sentenced as follows:

- Ct. 1 – Attempting to Manufacture 50 grams or more of crack cocaine - Mandatory Life
- Ct. 2 – PWID crack cocaine – 151 months to run concurrent with Ct. 1 & 4
- Ct. 3 – Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime (924(c)) – 5 years to run consecutive to Ct. 1
- Ct. 4 – Felon in possession of a firearm – 120 months to run concurrent with Ct. 1 and 2

"This sentence reflects law enforcement's commitment to putting violent offenders behind bars," said U.S. Attorney Gregory. "Repeat offenders who insist on continuing to deal drugs and carry guns will end up in jail for a long time."

This case was investigated by the Port Arthur Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Englade.

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