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**PADUCAH DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO
DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK-COCAINE AND GUN CHARGES**

*- Three prior felonies
- Street value of drugs recovered \$3,800*

PADUCAH, KY - Sean Irons, age 28, of 2336 Barnett Street, Paducah, Kentucky in McCracken County, pled guilty to distribution of crack-cocaine and knowingly possessing a firearm, while having been convicted of a felony, 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.

On August 30, 2007, ATF utilized a confidential informant (CI) to make a controlled purchase of a Maverick Arms, Model 88, 12 gauge shotgun, SN: MV03566E, a firearm which had traveled in interstate commerce for \$200.00 from Defendant Irons, who was a convicted felon at the time. Defendant Irons admitted that on August 30, 2007, he had been previously convicted of three felony offenses (Wanton Endangerment in McCracken Circuit Court case 96CR-342 and Convicted Felon in Possession of a Handgun in McCracken Circuit cases 99CR-0048 and 03CR-217) and knew he was prohibited from possessing firearms. ATF worked this case with the Paducah Police Department as part of an initiative to target "crack dealers" in the Paducah community.

Defendant Irons further admitted that on August 31, 2007, he sold an ATF confidential

informant 12.4 net grams of crack-cocaine for \$525.00. Defendant Irons admitted that when stopped by Paducah police following the controlled purchase, he was in possession of a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson handgun, which had traveled in interstate commerce, and 9 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition. Defendant Irons possessed the handgun and firearm at a time when he knew he was prohibited from possessing such as he had been previously convicted of the three felony offenses as referenced above and in the Indictment.

The maximum potential penalties are 60 years imprisonment, with a minimum of 5 years imprisonment, a \$2,500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 4 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn. The Louisville Field Division/Paducah Satellite Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Paducah Police Department, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Chief Judge Thomas B. Russell, United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky.

Irons is scheduled to be sentenced before Chief Judge Russell on March 24, 2009 at 11:30 a.m., in Paducah, Kentucky.

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