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**LOUISVILLE FELON SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS FOR POSSESSION
OF FIREARM AND INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE**

- Twice convicted felon had crack cocaine and .45 cal. pistol

LOUISVILLE, KY - Dominique Lamont Garth, age 27, of 736 South 3rd Street, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment by United States District Court Judge, Thomas B. Russell for possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine and felon in possession of a firearm, 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.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Garth admitted that on October 12, 2007, he was in possession of a loaded Para Ordinance, .45 caliber pistol and approximately 15 grams of crack cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$1,500.00 and 10 schedule III Hydrocodone pills. Garth admitted that it was his intent to distribute the crack on the streets of Louisville. The crack and firearm were discovered in Garth's residence by law enforcement when they served a search warrant, which had been obtained based on information that he was trafficking in narcotics from that location. During the plea, Garth confirmed that at the time he was a convicted felon based upon previous convictions under Jefferson County Indictment 00CR1210 , of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance I (cocaine), and Tampering with Physical Evidence,

and, under Jefferson County Indictment 03CR2159, of Receiving Stolen Property Over \$300.00.

This is 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.

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

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