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BOWLING GREEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CRACK COCAINE CHARGES

- 3-time felon part of \$20,000 crack distribution conspiracy

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Jamrio Kassin Coleman**, age 30, of 281 McFadin Station Street #8, Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County pled guilty on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, to narcotics charges including conspiracy to possess over fifty grams of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute, 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.

Coleman admitted that between January 10, 2008 and February 28, 2008, he, along with co-defendants Dwight Barber, Kevin Pollard, Jahmil Walker, Michael Brown and April Cowles engaged in a conspiracy to obtain and distribute crack cocaine. Coleman further admitted that he had made agreements with individuals who acted as his suppliers and that one of those individuals was Dwight Barber. In furtherance of the conspiracy, Coleman admitted to brokering 10 separate crack cocaine deals between January 10, 2008 and February 28, 2008, and to possessing over 150 grams of crack at his apartment on February 28, 2008. Coleman, along with co-defendants Cowles, Watkins and Grinstead, used or maintained three separate apartments for the purpose of storing and distributing crack cocaine. The approximate street value of the drugs involved was over \$20,000. All of Coleman's co-defendants are currently awaiting trial.

Coleman has three prior felony convictions for narcotics offenses out of Warren County, Kentucky, Circuit Court, including: 1st Degree Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, Cocaine - September 1997; and two convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance - November 2001. Coleman's criminal history will be taken into consideration in determining his sentence which has been set for March 16, 2009.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, an \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 10 years; and the minimum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$4,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 5 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rob Bonar. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Bowling Green Police Department and the Bowling Green/Warren County Drug Task Force, as part of ATF's ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before E. Robert Goebel, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Coleman is scheduled to appear for sentencing in United States District Court on March 16, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. (CST), in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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