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## **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORTS WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE**

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

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RICHARD DONALDSON, 22, of the 4900 block of Arlington, St. Louis, 63115, pleaded guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Donaldson now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for August 12, 2005.

ELISHA GIBSON, 29, of the 2000 block of Destrehan, St. Louis, pleaded guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm and one felony count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Gibson now faces a maximum penalty of thirty years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for August 12, 2005.

COZY BLACK, JR. 19, of the 1300 block of Lyhaben, St. Louis, was indicted by a federal grand

jury on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. If convicted, Black faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000.

DEMETRICE DAILEY, 28, of the 2700 block of Sydney, St. Louis, and TORONALD LEE, 39, of the 3500 block of Nebraska, St. Louis, were indicted on one count each of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. If convicted, Dailey and Lee each face a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000.

LADARIUS VENICE COOK, 28, of the 100 block of Glen Garry, St. Louis County was indicted by a federal grand jury on one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, one felony count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. If convicted of all charges, Cook faces a maximum penalty of life in prison and/or fines up to \$2,000,000.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.