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**OPERATION "TRAP DOOR" PUTS JACKSONVILLE DRUG DEALERS**

**OUT OF BUSINESS IN BRENTWOOD AREA**

A seven-month investigation has resulted in the federal indictments of 13 individuals charging them with various federal drug and gun violations related to their alleged involvement in the distribution of "crack" cocaine in the Brentwood area of Jacksonville. The indictments were returned on January 11, 2006. During the last week eight of the 13 defendants were arrested and law enforcement officers continue to search for the other five.

These mid-level drug dealers operated stash houses or "traps" where illegal drugs were protected by armed individuals. More than a dozen undercover purchases of narcotics were made during the investigation and nine search warrants were executed. More than 1,000 grams of cocaine, 257 grams of "crack" cocaine and 10 firearms were seized during this investigation.

As a result of this intense drug investigation, many leads were developed in other violent crimes associated with the drug trade. In one case, valuable information was developed that helped solve a homicide.

“With these arrests, the streets of Brentwood are safer today. DEA is committed to ridding communities of drugs and the violence that accompanies this death trade,” said DEA Special Agent in Charge Mark R. Trouville. “The success of this investigation was the result of hard work by federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have pledged to make our communities safer.”

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, the U.S. Marshals Service and the North Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. The North Florida HIDTA Task Force comprises the following agencies: DEA, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, Baker County Sheriff’s Office, Nassau County Sheriff’s Office, Clay County Sheriff’s Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Jacksonville Beach Police Department, and Fernandina Beach Police Department. These cases are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Julie Savell.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

**(See attached list of arrested defendants, charges and penalties)**

Operation Trap Door				
Name	DOB	Residence	Charges	Penalties
<b>Andre JAMES</b>  <b>(AKA Andre Payne)</b>	<b>07-24-1982</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	Distribution of cocaine	Up to 20 years' imprisonment
			Possession with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine	5 - 40 years' imprisonment
<b>Tyrone PAYNE</b>	<b>01-12-1972</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	Distribution of 5 grams or more of "crack" cocaine	5 - 40 years' imprisonment
<b>Antwan STAFFORD</b>	<b>05-08-1981</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	Distribution of 5 grams or more of "crack" cocaine	5 - 40 years' imprisonment
<b>Dewayne JACKSON</b>	<b>12-26-1969/</b>  <b>11-27-1969</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	Distribution of "crack" cocaine	Up to 20 years' imprisonment
			Distribution of 5 grams or more of "crack" cocaine	5 - 40 years' imprisonment
	Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon		10 years' imprisonment	
	Possession with the intent to distribute 5 grams or more of both cocaine and "crack" cocaine		5 - 40 years' imprisonment	
	Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime		5 years' imprisonment	
<b>William MCCRIMAGER</b>	<b>03-20-1980</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	Distribution of cocaine	Up to 20 years' imprisonment
<b>Renaldo DAVIS II</b>	<b>02-09-1979</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	Distribution of 5 grams or more of "crack" cocaine	5 - 40 years' imprisonment
<b>Joshua COLLINS</b>	<b>04-15-1981</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	Conspiracy to distribute 5 grams or more "crack" cocaine	5 - 40 years' imprisonment
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<b>Darrell BIVENS</b>	<b>12-09-1980</b>	<b>Jacksonville, FL</b>	Conspiracy to distribute 5 grams or more "crack" cocaine	5 - 40 years' imprisonment
			Distribution of 5 grams or more of "crack" cocaine	5 - 40 years' imprisonment