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GANG LEADER SENTENCED TO 42 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON IN TITANIC STONES STREET GANG DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and CHET EPPERSON, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

Today, United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard sentenced **DARRELL D. DAVIS**, also known as "Duck," 27, of Rockford, Illinois, to a total of 42 years in federal prison without parole for his leadership role in a conspiracy to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, as well as for possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Following his release from prison, Davis must also serve 10 years of supervised release, and he was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and a \$200 special assessment.

Davis pled guilty to the charges on November 14, 2006. In pleading guilty, he admitted that between at least 2001 to September 13, 2005, he conspired with others to distribute more than one kilogram of heroin, and more than 50 grams of cocaine base ("crack") in Rockford, Loves Park, and Chicago. According to other plea agreements entered in the case, as well as evidence at the trial of three co-defendants in May, Darrell "Duck" Davis controlled the drug trafficking activities of the Titanic Stones street gang in Rockford, also known as The Brothers. Beginning in 2001, Davis recruited several Titanic Stones gang members from Chicago to come to Rockford to assist in the sale of heroin and crack cocaine. Members of the gang arranged for houses to be rented in other person's names, usually females associated with a gang member, then used those houses as distribution centers for the sale of the drugs. The gang used firearms to protect their drugs, money, and drug houses from rival drug dealers and rival gangs. During the course of the conspiracy several Titanic Stones gang members were involved in shootings with rival drug dealers and gangs.

At his sentencing hearing today, Davis admitted he ordered one of his co-conspirators to shoot a rival at the McDonald's restaurant at Auburn Street and Central Avenue in Rockford on February 8, 2005. In addition, Davis admitted he broke an associate's hands with a hammer in August 2005 because he believed that the associate had cooperated with authorities and had stolen money from the gang.

To date, 11 out of a total of 16 individuals charged as part of the conspiracy have been sentenced. On December 8, 2006, **CAMERON P. LEMON**, 25, formerly of Chicago, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and crack cocaine. On February 8, 2007, **SYLVIA M. DAVENPORT**, 27, formerly of Rockford, was sentenced to 70 months in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and crack cocaine. On June 11, 2007, **STEVEN P. EASTER**, 23, of Rockford, was sentenced to a total of 21 years in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to

distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, as well as possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Also on June 11, 2007, **JAMAUL R. McKAY**, 20, of Rockford, was sentenced to a total of 15 years in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, as well as possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. On July 27, 2007, **BOBBY L. HARRIS**, 22, of Rockford, was sentenced to a total of 168 months in federal prison without parole, and **FLOYD R. MURRAY**, 22, of Rockford, was sentenced to 113 months in federal prison without parole. On August 3, 2007, **AMBROSE L. JONES**, 26, of Rockford, was sentenced to a total of 152 months in federal prison without parole, **DUPREE L. TURNER**, 23, of Rockford, was sentenced to a total of 181 months in federal prison without parole, and **CLINTON W. ALLEN**, 42, of Rockford, was sentenced to 87 months in federal prison without parole for aiding and abetting the drug conspiracy. On August 24, 2007, ANTHONY K. GLOVER, 24, of Rockford, was sentenced to a total of 18 years in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, as well as possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Four other defendants are scheduled to be sentenced, as follows:

MONTRELL McSWAIN, also known as "Trell," 26, Loves Park, Illinois, was found guilty on May 23, 2007 after a jury trial of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, as well as to possessing a firearm in furtherance of the drug conspiracy. McSwain is scheduled to be sentenced on September 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

BRADFORD V. DODSON, also known as "Brad" and "Hustler," 26, Rockford, Illinois, was found guilty on May 23, 2007 after a jury trial of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, as well as possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Dodson is scheduled to be sentenced on October 18, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. He is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

JAMEAH M. FLINT, 23, Rockford, Illinois, pled guilty on May 9, 2007, to aiding and abetting the drug trafficking conspiracy. Flint is scheduled to be sentenced on September 6, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. She is being held in federal custody without bail pending sentencing.

LEE S. ALLEN, 41, Rockford, Illinois, was found guilty on May 23, 2007 after a jury trial of aiding and abetting the drug trafficking conspiracy. Allen is scheduled to be sentenced on October 16, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. Allen remains on bond pending sentencing.

The remaining defendant, Joel Turner, Jr., is facing first degree murder charges in Winnebago County Circuit Court, and has not appeared in federal court on these charges.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Rockford Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, and the Rockford-Winnebago County Metro Narcotics Unit. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael F. Iasparro and Mark T. Karner.

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