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EVENT: Indictment

Defendant: Gregory West

**TRANSPORTING COCAINE FOR A MAJOR DRUG ORGANIZATION
LANDS A HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA MAN IN JAIL**

Gregory West, 50, of Hollywood, Florida, was sentenced to 63 months imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, as the result of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and money laundering conspiracy charges, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced. United States District Court Judge Avern Cohn also ordered West to forfeit any property, real or personal, which was traceable to the sale of narcotics, to be applied to the agreed \$270 million money judgment against the members of the "Black Mafia Family," also known as BMF.

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Robert L. Corso, Drug Enforcement Administration and Special Agent in Charge Maurice Aouate, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

According to court records, between 2002 and 2005, West was a member of the drug trafficking organization BMF led by Terry Flenory, originally from Detroit, and his brother, Demetrius. West's main role was to transport the drug money and cocaine, using vehicles with

hidden compartments. During this time period, he transported more than one million dollars in cash from Detroit and elsewhere to Missouri, California. West knew that the cash that he transported was used to purchase cocaine, real estate, vehicles and jewelry for BMF.

The Flenory brothers recently plead guilty to narcotic charges and are currently awaiting sentencing. They admitted to leading of a criminal enterprise involving the large scale distribution of controlled substances, mainly cocaine. They also admitted to obtaining millions of dollars in cash from the sale of cocaine and using these illegal proceeds to purchase real estate, vehicles and jewelry. They have agreed to a money judgment in the amount of \$270 million.

United States Attorney Murphy said, "Interstate drug trafficking for a major cocaine organization will result in a hefty prison term, as we in today's 63-month sentence. This office will vigorously prosecute persons who facilitate the crimes of drug dealers by concealing the illegal profits from narcotics sales."

"Many drug organizations operate using the same business structures as that of large corporations," said Aouate. "Transportation is usually the heartbeat of most corporations and it is no different with narcotic traffickers. Although West was not a significant player, his transportation role was significant in allowing BMF to continue to profit from their illegal activity."

The investigation of this case has been conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.