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FLETCHER SENTENCED TO 168 MONTHS IN COCAINE TRAFFICKING CASE

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CLIFTON FLETCHER, 29, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 168 months imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base (a.k.a. "crack" cocaine). This case was the result of an investigation by the DEA, FBI, ATF, U.S. Marshal Service, local and state law enforcement which culminated in the indictment of forty-four defendants for trafficking cocaine, cocaine base, methamphetamine, and marijuana in southern Indiana. FLETCHER was a member of the cocaine base trafficking conspiracy. Of the forty-four indicted co-conspirators, thirty-seven have pleaded guilty. The remaining defendants are scheduled for trial in January and February, 2008.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Matthias D. Onderak, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 5 years supervised release following FLETCHER's release from imprisonment. Federal law mandates that even with "good time" credit, FLETCHER will have to serve 83% of the 168 month sentence in federal prison.

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