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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Jamil Ingram et al

**DETROIT CRACK DEALER SENTENCED TO 17 YEARS IMPRISONMENT
*Co-Defendant To Serve 10 Years In Federal Prison***

Jamil Ingram, 28, and Donnell McKenzie, 27, both of Detroit were sentenced to 17 years imprisonment and 10 years imprisonment, respectively, in federal court today on felony drug charges, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced. Joining in the announcement was Special Agent-In-Charge Thomas E. Brandon, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Ingram and McKenzie both pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine before United States District Judge Gerald E. Rosen on March 3, 2008 and April 1, 2008, respectively. In connection with his plea, Ingram admitted that he has sold crack cocaine since he was twelve years old. Ingram was identified as a result of undercover purchases made by disguised ATF agents and Detroit Police Department officers. On March 27, 2007, Ingram sold 11 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover ATF agent for \$350. On April 6, 2007, Ingram sold another 11 grams to the same agent for an additional \$350. McKenzie admitted to participating in the March 27 undercover sale with Ingram.

This is the third drug-related conviction for both defendants. In June 1999 and again in

November 2005, Ingram was convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court of delivering/manufacturing cocaine. McKenzie was convicted in February 2002 of delivering/manufacturing cocaine and in September 2004 of felony drug possession. McKenzie was also convicted, in June 1999, of felony home invasion.

United States Attorney Murphy said, "The sentences in this case send a message that those who continue to sell drugs after being convicted of a drug offense can and will face substantial time in federal prison."

Special Agent in Charge Brandon said, "Investigations and undercover operations such as this shows ATF's commitment to reducing violent crime by working with our local law enforcement partners to rid our streets of the violent offenders that were sentenced today."

A third co-defendant, Khary Broyles, pled guilty to drug conspiracy charges in the case on February 22, 2008. Broyles admitted that he allowed Ingram to "cook" crack cocaine at Broyles' home on Telegraph Rd. in Detroit and to distributing crack on Ingram's behalf. Broyles is scheduled to be sentenced on July 10, 2008 and faces a mandatory minimum of five years imprisonment.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Operation TIDE is the unprecedented, long-term law enforcement and community collaboration where federal, state, county and local law enforcement officials meet regularly and work in cooperation to reduce violent crimes and prevent recidivism by focusing on the "worst of the worst" in Northwest Detroit, Detroit's largest police district.

Other PSN Operation TIDE Task Force partners include the U.S. Marshals Service, the FBI, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Citizens with information concerning illegal guns, gangs with guns, armed drug trafficking or the trafficking of illegal guns are encouraged to call 800-ATF-GUNS. Callers can

remain anonymous. This number is managed and answered by law enforcement, ATF agents who work directly with local police departments. For information about Project Safe Neighborhoods call 1-800-891-8881 or visit www.psnworks.org.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Leonid Feller.