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EVENT: Convicted

Defendant: Carl Tyus

**INKSTER MAN CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF DRUGS WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE
AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN FURTHERANCE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING**

Carl Tyus, age 30, of Inskter, Michigan, was found guilty on September 4, 2008 by a federal jury in Detroit, Michigan on four counts, including possession with the intent to distribute ecstasy, cocaine, and crack, and possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today. Mr. Berg was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Thomas E. Brandon, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

After the verdict was read, District Judge Paul D. Borman ordered that the defendant be remanded immediately to the custody of the United States Marshals.

The evidence at trial showed that on September 29, 2005, Romulus police officers searched Tyus' home pursuant to a search warrant. The detectives found crushed ecstasy, crack, and cocaine, packaged for distribution, in the kitchen cabinet, and multiple bags of ecstasy tablets and cocaine in the basement. The defendant also possessed multiple firearms: a Bushmaster rifle, Hi-point 9 mm rifle, Norinco assault rifle, 12-gauge Mossberg pump shotgun, and a Smith and Wesson handgun in the basement with the drugs, and a

Smith and Wesson handgun in the bedroom. Many of the firearms were loaded, or had the weapons magazine within close proximity. Multiple amounts of cash were found throughout the home, totaling over \$10,000.

Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg said, "Drugs and guns make a lethal combination that threatens the safety of our community. The significant federal penalties for armed drug trafficking are intended to deter such dangerous criminal activity. I commend the ATF and Romulus police for their excellent work on this case."

The defendant faces a minimum term of imprisonment of five years. The actual sentence imposed depends on a number of factors, including the defendant's criminal record (if any), and advisory Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by special agents of ATF and Romulus police detectives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer L. Blackwell, with assistance from paralegal Sherita Gentry.