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## **MOBILE MAN CONVICTED ON DRUG, FIREARM CHARGES**

MOBILE, AL—A Federal Jury in Mobile has convicted a Mobile man on three related crack cocaine and firearm charges, United States Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes of the Southern District of Alabama announced today.

Clinton Lemont Pettaway, 30, was arrested by Mobile Police Department officers who were responding to a disturbance call on Easton Street the night of March 18, 2006. According to testimony presented at trial late last week, the officers arrived to find another man who had been beaten and who pointed out Pettaway as his assailant. When officers approached Pettaway, he ran, jumping over fences in an attempt to elude capture. In climbing over one of the fences, Pettaway left his coat hanging from the wire fence. In a pocket of the coat, officers located over 13 grams of crack cocaine, which, according to testimony, was packaged for sale or distribution. Underneath the jacket, on the ground, officers located a blood stained, semi-automatic pistol which had its serial number scratched out in several places. Pettaway will be sentenced by United States District Judge William Steele on June 16, 2008. Pettaway faces a minimum mandatory sentence of five years in prison on the drug charge, along with a mandatory consecutive five years in prison on the charge of possessing the firearm during the course of the drug trafficking charge. Federal sentencing guidelines could push the sentences higher in this instance.

The prosecution and conviction resulted from a joint investigation conducted by ATFE and the Mobile Police Department.

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