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PLANT CITY MAN FOUND GUILTY OF FEDERAL FIREARMS AND NARCOTICS CHARGES

Tampa, Florida - A jury in U.S. District Court today found Antwan Boyd, age 35 and a resident of Plant City, guilty of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base, also known as "crack cocaine," and of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Boyd faces a mandatory term of life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$8 million. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for December 9, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., before U.S. District Judge James S. Moody, Jr. Boyd was indicted on June 10, 2008.

According to testimony and evidence presented at trial, on April 1, 2008, members of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office District II Street Crimes Unit, acting on an anonymous tip, arrested Boyd on felony narcotics and firearms charges after searching his 2006 Ford F-150 pickup truck and finding nearly 1000 grams of crack cocaine and a loaded .357 magnum revolver.

The case was investigated by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kathy J.M. Peluso.