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## MUNCIE MAN SENTENCED TO 17 ½ YEARS IN DRUG "RIP-OFF" SCHEME

## PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHRISTOPHER LAMPKINS, 26, Muncie, Indiana, was sentenced to 211 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Chief Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to Conspiracy to Possess With Intent To Distribute Over 5 Kilograms of Cocaine and Carrying a Firearm During a Drug Trafficking Crime. This case was the result of a two-month investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Muncie Police Department.

LAMPKINS and another individual conspired to commit armed robberies of drug dealers in November and December of 2006. LAMPKINS and the other individual were videotaped as they met with an undercover BATFE special agent and planned details of an armed robbery of 20 kilograms of cocaine, with a purported street value of \$500,000, from a storage facility in Muncie. Unbeknownst to LAMPKINS and the other individual, this was a sting operation and there was no actual cocaine.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 5 years supervised release following LAMPKINS's release from imprisonment. Reginald Lipscomb was also indicted in this case. His case remains pending.