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## **MEMBER OF HOME INVASION GANG CONVICTED**

*Defendant assaulted and robbed other drug dealers  
Woman raped in one of a series of home invasions*

**Lafayette, Louisiana** . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington, announced the conviction of **ANTHONY BIRTHA** who was found guilty on 15 counts of drug conspiracy and firearm charges, to include armed robbery. The trial commenced on April 6, 2009 and the jury deliberated for approximately six hours before returning their verdict.

ANTHONY BIRTHA, along with six other individuals, was indicted in May 2007 and in a Superseding Indictment in September 2007 on federal charges of one (1) count of Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances; three (3) counts of Attempt to or (Actual) Interference with Commerce by Robbery; four (4) counts of Possession and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence or Drug Trafficking Crime; four (4) counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon; one (1) count of Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine; one (1) count of Possession of a Stolen Firearm; and one (1) count of Attempt to Possess with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, all arising from a series of home invasions occurring over a period of time in Lafayette Parish.

This case was the result of a three-year investigation by the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office, Lafayette Police Department, St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office, Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, the FBI Safe Streets Gang Task Force and ATF.

Evidence at trial showed that ANTHONY BIRTHA was an integral member of a gang carrying out an elaborate drug trafficking conspiracy that committed home invasions of drug dealers and robbed them at gunpoint in order to obtain drugs, money and firearms. BIRTHA, along with other gang members, would also commit aggravated burglaries of non-criminals when opportunities arose in order to obtain a variety of firearms. During the course of these conspiracies, many individuals were victimized by being held at gunpoint, assaulted and raped, and at one point, an individual was shot in the forehead. In some instances, babies and teenagers were present. In addition to committing various acts of armed robbery, ANTHONY BIRTHA was involved in raping an innocent young female whose residence he had mistakenly targeted as that of a drug dealer.

At sentencing, the defendant faces up to twenty (20) years imprisonment on each of the drug trafficking offenses and on each of the robberies affecting interstate commerce. On the firearm charges, he faces a mandatory consecutive sentence of eighty-two (82) years imprisonment; a fine up to \$250,000.00 on each count, and a term of three (3) years supervised release after confinement.

The facts surrounding the remaining six defendants are as follows:

**LOVELESS BELL**, a/k/a Loveless Milson, age 31, of Lafayette, Louisiana, pled guilty in September 2008 to Count 4 of the Superceding Indictment for Attempted Interference with Commerce by Robbery, which carries an imprisonment term of confinement up to twenty (20) years, a fine up to \$250,000.00, and a term of three (3) years supervised release following confinement; and Count 5 and 8 of the Superceding Indictment for Possession and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence. Count 5 carries a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of seven (7) years consecutive to any other sentence of confinement, a fine up to \$250,000.00, and a term of supervised release of not more three (3) years, following confinement. Due to the fact that the defendant will have a prior conviction for the same statutory violation (Count 5), Count 8 carries a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of twenty-five (25) years consecutive to any other sentence of confinement (including each other), a fine up to \$250,000.00, and a term of supervised release of not more three (3) years, following confinement. Sentencing is scheduled for April 30, 2009.

**KENDRICK SHANE BOUDREAUX**, a/k/a as “Fly,” age 28, of Lafayette, Louisiana, pled guilty in May 2008 to Count 4 of the Superceding Indictment for Attempted Interference with Commerce by Robbery and was sentenced in September 2008 to 441 months imprisonment and a term of three (3) years supervised release following confinement.

**WILSON PATRICK BREAU**X, a/k/a Wilson Milson, age 22, of Lafayette, Louisiana, pled guilty in October 2008 to Counts 14 and 17 of the Superceding Indictment for Possession of Stolen Firearm and was sentenced in March 2009 to 37 months imprisonment and a term of three (3) years supervised release following confinement;

**SHANE ANTHONY JOLLIVETTE**, age 25, of Sunset, Louisiana, pled guilty in September 2008 to Count 14 of the Superceding Indictment for Possession of Stolen Firearm, which carries an imprisonment term of confinement up to ten (10) years, a fine up to \$250,000.00, and a term of three (3) years supervised release following confinement. Sentencing is scheduled for April 30, 2009.

**STERLING HENRY GIVENS, JR.**, a/k/a “Teddy,” age 36, of Lafayette, Louisiana, pled guilty in April 2009 to Count 4 of the Superceding Indictment for Attempted Interference with Commerce by Robbery, which carries an imprisonment term of confinement up to twenty (20) years, a fine up to \$250,000.00, and a term of three (3) years supervised release following confinement; and Count 5 of the Superceding Indictment for Possession and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence, which, due to the fact that the defendant has a prior conviction for the same offense, carries a mandatory term of imprisonment of twenty-five (25) years consecutive to any other sentence of confinement, a fine up to \$250,000.00, and a term of supervised release of not more three (3) years, following confinement. Sentencing has not yet been scheduled.

**LEON PAPILLION, JR.**, a/k/a “Wood” is awaiting trial.

Sentencing for ANTHONY BIRTHA has not yet been scheduled. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statutes. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

The South Central Louisiana Safe Streets Gang Task Force is comprised of agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office, Iberia Parish Sheriff’s Office, St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office, St. Landry Parish Sheriff’s Office, Lafayette Police Department and Morgan City Police Department.

This case was investigated by Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office, Lafayette Police Department, St. Landry Parish Sheriff’s Office, Acadia Parish Sheriff’s Office, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff’s Office, the FBI Safe Streets Gang Task Force and ATF. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Brett L. Grayson and J. Collin Sims.

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