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## **CONYERS MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 21 YEARS IN PRISON FOR HIS ROLE IN A DRUG TRAFFICKING & MONEY LAUNDERING SCHEME**

Atlanta, GA - TROY ALEXIS, 38, of Conyers, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Richard W. Story to serve more than 21 years in prison on charges of drug trafficking and money laundering. At the time of his arrest, ALEXIS owned and operated "Alexis Motors Sales and Leasing" located in Tucker, Georgia.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "This defendant used his car dealership as a front to distribute cocaine and launder the money generated by his illicit drug dealing. The sentence in this case shows that those who distribute drugs in our community will face lengthy prison sentences, and will lose businesses they use to aid in their criminal activities."

ALEXIS was sentenced to 21 years, 10 months in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. ALEXIS pleaded guilty to the charges on May 27, 2007.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: ALEXIS was released from federal prison in 2003 after serving a four-year sentence for drug trafficking. Shortly after release, he established and operated Alexis Motors Sales and Leasing in Tucker. In order to support the business, however, he soon began distributing cocaine from the dealership and, over the course of several years, used it as a means to launder the cash derived from his drug dealing. After a year-long investigation, the DEA arrested ALEXIS and others associated with the dealership on November 9, 2006, seizing all of the vehicles owned by the dealership and its records.

An analysis of the dealership records showed that, between 2004 and 2006, ALEXIS funneled huge amounts of drug money through the business. The funds were then used to purchase luxury cars to put on the dealership lot. During the period of the conspiracy, ALEXIS and his group distributed over 50 kilograms of cocaine from the business and laundered approximately \$2.6 million in cash through its accounts. The business has since been liquidated.

ALEXIS was the last defendant sentenced in this case. Co-defendant CHRISTOPHER

HILL, 37, of Smyrna, Georgia, was sentenced to 13 years in federal prison; co-defendant EDWARD TAYLOR, 39, of Duluth, Georgia, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison; and co-defendant LEROY TRICE, 44, of Lithonia, Georgia, was sentenced to 5 years in federal prison for their roles in the scheme.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta recommends parents and children learn about the dangers of drugs at the following web site: [www.justthinktwice.com](http://www.justthinktwice.com)

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Assistant United States Attorney Kurt R. Erskine prosecuted the case.

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