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ROLLIN' 30s HARLEM CRIP GANG MEMBER FOUND GUILTY IN FIREARM AND NARCOTICS TRIAL

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – A U.S. District Court jury today has found 29 year old Anthony Washington, a Rollin' 30s Harlem Crip gang member guilty of three federal charges. The three day trial concluded yesterday. Washington was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Los Angeles Police Department Officers arrested Washington in January 2006. Washington was prosecuted under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, a joint partnership between ATF, the United States Attorney's Office and local law enforcement agencies.

Washington, a multi-convicted felon will be sentenced later this year. He is facing a mandatory minimum of 15 years in federal prison.

"We are very pleased with the verdict today. ATF will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to target violent gang members that infect the streets of Los Angeles," said John A. Torres, Special Agent in Charge of ATF's Los Angeles Field Division.

The Rollin 30's claim turf in the southwest area of Los Angeles, and have been known to engage in narcotics trafficking, home invasion robberies and firearms trafficking. ATF arrested eight members of the gang in March 2007, and an additional 24 members in October 2008.

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