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COCAINE DISTRIBUTION BRINGS GANG MEMBER A 150 MONTH FEDERAL SENTENCE

LOS ANGELES – Neighborhood Crips gang member Rudolph Clemens was sentenced to 150 months in federal prison, with five years supervised release, by U.S. District Court Judge Wu, for distribution of cocaine base (crack cocaine).

Clemens is the sixth Neighborhood Crips gang member to be sentenced to a lengthy term in federal prison. The average sentence these gang members received for illegally possessing firearms and distribution of cocaine base is 100 months. These convictions are the result of an investigation into the gang's criminal activities including murder, gun and narcotics trafficking, drive-by shootings, assaults, robbery, counterfeiting, witness retaliation and other intimidation efforts.

Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres, of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), stated "ATF will not put up with armed gang violence and the drug trade that fuels it. We will continue to combine our resources with our partners and bring these gang members to justice." Torres added, "We thank our partners at LAPD for their assistance with this investigation."

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