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INGLEWOOD GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 204 MONTHS FOR COCAINE POSSESSION

LOS ANGELES – ATF Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres, Los Angeles Field Division, is pleased to announce the sentencing of a local narcotics dealer.

On February 11, 2008, US Magistrate Judge Otero sentenced Deon Andre Charles to 204 months federal prison and 5 years supervised release for possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. Charles was also sentenced to 120 months federal prison with 2 years supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

In May 2007, ATF and Inglewood Police's Departments Anti-Crime Team (ACT) executed a search warrant at the residence of Deon Charles, a known member of the Neighborhood Crips, and recovered a loaded firearm and 89 grams of crack cocaine.

"Today's sentence reinforces that ATF will not put up with armed gang violence and the drug trade that fuels it," Torres said. "This is an outstanding example of the combined efforts of ATF, the Inglewood Police Department and the United States Attorney's Office joining forces and bringing these gang members to justice."

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