



Department of Justice

**United States Attorney David L. Huber
Western District of Kentucky**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008
WWW.USDOJ.GOV/USAO/KYW

CONTACT: SANDY FOCKEN
PHONE: (502) 582-5911
FAX: (502) 582-5097

**THREE-TIME CONVICTED FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO
FEDERAL NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

-- Louisville Man admits to possessing crack cocaine, gun

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Steven Gene Miller**, age 27, of 2000 Standard Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, pled guilty to charges of possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Miller admitted that on February 24, 2007, he possessed a .357 Magnum revolver. Previously, Miller had been convicted in Jefferson County, Kentucky Circuit Court, in three separate indictments, of illegal possession of a controlled substance, first degree; tampering with physical evidence; receiving stolen property over \$300; assault, 2nd degree; and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, all felony offenses. Miller further admitted to possessing with the intent to distribute over 5 grams of crack cocaine on February 27, 2007 and over 50 grams of crack cocaine on May 18, 2007. The total street value of the drugs seized was approximately \$16,000.00.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, an \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 10 years. The minimum penalty is 5 years imprisonment and

supervised release for a period of 4 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert B. Bonar. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

Miller is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Joseph H. McKinley, Jr. on November 3, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

###