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## **Cleveland Man Sentenced to 20 Years for Gun and Drug Violations**

CLEVELAND – William J. Edwards, acting U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Ohio and Special Agent in Charge Christopher P. Sadowski, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Columbus Field Division, today announced the Aug. 6, 2008, sentencing of Jermaine McBee to 262 months incarceration in federal prison for violations of federal firearm and drug laws. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

McBee was sentenced based upon his guilty plea to charges of possession of firearms by a convicted felon in violation of 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1) and possession of cocaine base more commonly known as crack cocaine in violation of 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

McBee admitted in his May guilty plea that on or about Oct. 13, 2006, he possessed approximately 181 grams of crack cocaine. Additionally, he admitted that he illegally possessed three firearms despite being a four-time convicted felon. Because of his multiple prior felony convictions, the court sentenced McBee as an armed career criminal under 18, United States Code, Section 924(e).

The investigation was conducted by ATF Cleveland II Field Office, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and the Euclid Police Department.

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