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**LEADER OF SAGINAW DRUG GANG CONVICTED
FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE**

A 32-year-old Saginaw man was found guilty today by a federal jury in Bay City on charges of distributing more than 50 grams of crack cocaine, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced.

Mr. Berg was joined in the announcement by Thomas E. Brandon, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Found guilty was Stanley Thomas Brazil, Jr.

The jury deliberated for approximately seven hours before returning the verdict, concluding a six-day trial before United States District Judge Thomas Ludington.

The trial was the culmination of a 3 year investigation of the Sunnyside Gang by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Michigan State Police and the Saginaw Police Department. The investigation, conducted in two phases, resulted in the conviction of 29 individuals in federal court, 10 individuals in state court, and the removal of approximately 1.5 kilograms of cocaine off the streets of Saginaw.

U.S. Attorney Berg stated, "This investigation is a tremendous example of the results that can be attained through inter-agency cooperation and dogged determination."

Special Agent in Charge Brandon said, "Organized drug gangs jeopardize the safety of many in the Saginaw community. Targeting armed and violent drug and gang offenders remains a high priority for ATF and the Justice Department. I commend the outstanding collaboration of the local, state and federal law enforcement in undertaking this sweeping investigation."

Mr. Berg commended the work of the agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the FBI, the Michigan State Police and the Saginaw Police Department.

The sentencing of Brazil will take place on January 7, 2009, at 2:30 pm. Brazil faces a sentencing guideline range of 20 years to life imprisonment and a fine of \$8,000,000.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Donker