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TAMPA MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CRACK COCAINE AND FIREARM

Tampa, FL - Senior United States District Judge William J. Castagna today sentenced ANTOINE WILBERT JEAN-LOUIS, age 22, of Tampa, to a sentence of ten years' imprisonment, to be followed by a term of eight years of supervised release. He entered a plea of guilty on July 28, 2008, to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to court documents, law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at the home of JEAN-LOUIS in Tampa on October 9, 2007. During the course of that search, they found a total of approximately 43 grams of crack cocaine. They also found him to be in possession of a Colt .38 caliber revolver. At the time, JEAN-LOUIS was a convicted felon, having been previously convicted of two felony offenses.

This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce

violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was investigated by ATF, with the assistance of the Tampa Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay L. Hoffer.