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**FRANKFORT DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO FIFTEEN YEARS AND
EIGHT MONTHS FOR ATTEMPTING TO BUY TWO KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE**

- Three-time felon caught with \$22,820 cash in attempted buy

LOUISVILLE, KY - Shawon C. Hickman, age 35, of 190 Centennial Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky, in Franklin County, was sentenced to 15 years and 8 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for attempting to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute it, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. John G. Heyburn, Chief Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Hickman to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

On August 1, 2008, Hickman pled guilty to attempting to possess 500 grams or more of cocaine with the intent to distribute the substance. During his plea, Hickman admitted that on June 20, 2007 he contacted a man and made arrangements to purchase two kilograms of cocaine. Unbeknownst to Hickman, the seller was negotiating with was a Confidential Source working for the Drug Enforcement Administration. At approximately 6:05 p.m. that evening, Hickman and co-defendant George Breed arrived at a prearranged meeting location in a pickup truck driven by Breed. After meeting the Confidential Source, Hickman showed the Confidential Source a large amount of cash that he had brought to purchase the two kilograms of cocaine. The Confidential Source then handed a backpack containing two "dummy" kilograms of cocaine

to Breed through the driver's side window of Breed's pickup truck. Breed then handed the backpack to Hickman in the passenger seat.

After the transaction was complete, law enforcement agents moved in to arrest Hickman and Breed. When he saw the law enforcement agents approaching, Breed drove away in his pickup truck, striking the vehicle of an ATF Special Agent who was attempting to apprehend the two men. When agents were able to get Breed's vehicle stopped, Breed fled on foot but was apprehended a short distance away. Hickman was arrested in the vehicle, where \$22,820.00 in cash was discovered. The estimated street value of two kilograms of cocaine is \$36,000.00.

Hickman's co-defendant, George Breed, plead guilty on August 12, 2008 and is scheduled to be sentenced on November 10, 2008.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke, and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") Task Force, which includes officers from a number of different local agencies including the Oldham County Police Department, the Kentucky State Police, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the Louisville Metro Police Department as well as federal agents from DEA, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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