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**PADUCAH WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL CHARGES
FOR CONSPIRACY AND DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK-COCAINE**

*-\$10,200 street value of drugs recovered
- Part of ATF/Paducah Police program to target drug dealers*

PADUCAH, KY - Marressa Lavonda Hill, age 36, of 940 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky pled guilty to charges of conspiracy and distribution of crack-cocaine, 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.

Hill admitted that between April and May of 2007, she conspired with others to possess with intent to distribute crack-cocaine, that on April 26, 2007 she distributed more than 50 grams of crack-cocaine, and on May 2, 2007 she distributed more than 5 grams of crack-cocaine in Paducah, Kentucky.

Specifically, on April 26, 2007, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and Paducah Police detectives utilized a confidential informant (CI) to make a controlled purchase from Hill. The CI made a recorded call to set up the meeting place, which was to be at Hill's house on Martin Luther King Blvd. in Paducah. The CI was then equipped with an audio/video recorder and given \$1800 to purchase two ounces of crack-cocaine. Lab results confirmed the amount to be 54.0 net grams of crack-cocaine.

On May 2, 2007, ATF agents and Paducah Police Detectives utilized the CI to make another controlled purchase from Hill. The CI made a recorded call to Hill to arrange another two ounce deal. Hill told the CI that her source did not have the full two ounces (56 grams), that he was six grams short so the price would only be \$1550. The CI was equipped with an audio/video recorder and made the controlled purchase. During the deal, Hill told the CI that her source of supply for the crack-cocaine had gotten arrested for a probation violation and that things were going to be “tight” for awhile. Lab results confirm the crack-cocaine purchased by law enforcement weighed 48.8 net grams.

On May 8, 2007, ATF agents and Paducah police directed the CI to make another recorded call to Hill to arrange for the purchase of yet another two ounces of crack-cocaine. Hill said she would talk to her source’s “people” and get back in touch. On May 9, 2007, Hill told the CI everything was arranged for another two ounce deal, but later called back to cancel the deal by saying that her new source of supply was acting “strange” and did not meet her as planned.

Lab results show the two buys totaled 102.8 net grams of crack-cocaine, which has a street value of approximately \$10,280.

The maximum potential penalties Hill faces are life imprisonment, a \$6,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least five years and the minimum potential penalties are ten years imprisonment.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division/Paducah Satellite Office conducted the investigation in partnership with the Paducah Police Department, as part of ATF’s ongoing commitment to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court,

Paducah, Kentucky.

Hill is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on February 11, 2009 at 11:45 a.m. in Paducah, Kentucky.

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