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ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORT WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin and St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

Donnell Witherspoon, 24, of the 5900 block of Theodosia was found guilty by a jury on January 12, 2005 of trafficking drugs in the second degree, unlawful use of a weapon - carrying a concealed weapon, and possession of marijuana under 35 grams. Witherspoon faces a sentence of 10 years to life in the Missouri Department of Corrections when he is sentenced on March 4, 2005 by Judge Julian Bush.

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JAMIE WESLEY, 32, of the 3300 block of Saxon Hall, 63044, was sentenced to 195 months in

prison on one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, one felony count of possession with intent to distribute marihuana, one felony count of using a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime and one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

DEMARIO HELM, 26, of the 3900 block of Ashland, St. Louis, was sentenced to 46 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

JOEY RICHMOND, 21, of the 4300 block of Raven, St. Louis, 63121, was sentenced to 30 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

DEREK DUVALL, 38, of the 4000 block of Penrose, St. Louis, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of ammunition. Duvall now faces a maximum penalty to ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for April 13, 2005.

ERIC CHAMBLY, 20, of the 5000 block of Cabanne, St. Louis, 63122, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Chambly now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for April 7, 2005.