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FINAL OF 15-DEFENDANT DRUG TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY IS SENTENCED TO PRISON -LEADERS ARE SENTENCED TO 10 & 20 YEARS

Large sums of cash along with vehicles and jewelry will be forfeited.

St. Louis, Missouri: The final defendant of a 15-defendant drug trafficking conspiracy has been sentenced to prison on drug trafficking charges involving large quantities of cocaine and crack cocaine in the St. Louis area, United States Attorney James G. Martin announced today.

This was a joint investigation involving the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Tiffany Becker handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

PHILLIP G. SCOTT, 29, of the 8300 block of Eaton, St, Louis, was sentenced today to 120 months in prison.

The following co-defendants were sentenced previously as follows:

WILLIAM EVERETT, 27, of the 100 block of Jacob's Way, O'Fallon, Missouri, 126 months prison and a \$5000 fine; ARNELL DICKENS, JR. 30, of the 600 block of Shepley, Bellefountaine Neighbors, 248 months prison; CLEO DAVIS, 29, of the 5600 block of West Florrissant, Jennings, 70 months prison; MARKESE LEONARD, 35, of the 12000 block of Meadowdale, St. Louis County, 135 months prison; TAURUS PEOPLES, 31, of the 8800 block of Maya Lane, Jennings, 60 months; STANFORD DICKENS, 25, of the 7400 block of Victory, St. Louis County, 46 months prison; RICHARD JONES, 44, of the 4800 block of Persimmon Bend, Black Jack, 121 months prison; CHRISTOPHER D. BROWN, 28, of the 20 block of Rottingham Court, Edwardsville, Illinois, 46 months; TERRELL HARRIS, 29, of the 5400 block of Church Road in Centreville, Illinois, 60 months prison; SHAUN HARRISON, 26, of the 3700 block of Dixie, St. Ann, 108 months prison; SCOTT J. BREITER, 25, of the 900 block of

East Second Street, Centralia, Illinois, 18 months prison, \$1000 fine; OBADE BAILEY, 35, of the 5900 block of MacArthur, St. Louis City, 37 months prison; DEJUAN C. WRIGHT, 29, of the 3100 block of Rolla, St. Louis City, 37 months prison; and LEVI J.W. JOHNSON, JR. 26, of the 9500 block of Muriel, Overland, 37 months prison. There is no parole in the federal system.

All defendants previously pled guilty to multiple felony charges involving a conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana. In addition to the drug charges, Peoples and Leonard pled guilty to possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

As a result of these convictions, the defendants will be required to forfeit cash and property derived from any proceeds obtained as a result of the conspiracy. Items subject to forfeiture include large sums of U.S. currency, numerous vehicles and jewelry.

William Everett and Arnell Dickens, Jr. headed a drug trafficking conspiracy that arranged for and directed large amounts of cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana to be transported to the St. Louis area for distribution in areas including St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County, Missouri. During the course of the case, more than one kilogram of cocaine base and ten kilograms of cocaine were seized. Additionally, more than fifteen firearms as well as approximately \$100,000 and several vehicles.