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Greenville Safe Neighborhoods Update

OXFORD, Miss. -- United States Attorney Jim Greenlee announced the guilty plea of John Patrick Lee, age 37, of Greenville in Federal Court in Oxford. Lee pled guilty on Monday, November 29, 2004, to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and agreed to a sentence of 10 years without parole in federal prison.

The conviction arose from a 3 a.m. arrest of Lee on November 8, 2003, in the area of Spruce Street and Hyman Street in Greenville, when Greenville Police Officers Mark Hodges, Charlton Smith and Al Peacock chased the fleeing Lee, for whom an arrest warrant was outstanding. United States District Judge Michael Mills will sentence Lee at a later date.

The case was investigated by the Greenville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorneys John Marshall Alexander and Robert W. Coleman.

Lee was one of 25 people arrested in August 2004 in the first major wave of enforcement arrests in Greenville's new Safe

Neighborhoods Project, led by United States Attorney Jim Greenlee, District Attorney Joyce Chiles and Greenville Police Chief Lester Carter. Six other persons have also been charged, bringing the total number charged in Greenville Safe Neighborhoods cases to 31 thus far. Updates from those arrests are as listed below and on the following pages.

On December 1, 2004, three Greenville defendants were sentenced in Federal Court. Jemarquis Kentrelle Barrett, age 28, of Greenville, was sentenced in Oxford by Judge Mills to a term of imprisonment of 37 months for possession of a firearm by a prior convicted felon. Derrick Brown, age 33, of Greenville, was sentenced in Oxford by Judge Mills to a term of imprisonment of 18 months for distribution of cocaine. Roosevelt Shorter, age 49, of Greenville, was sentenced in Aberdeen by Chief Judge Glen H. Davidson to a term of imprisonment of 6 months for use of telephone to facilitate drug distribution.

Of the 31 people charged thus far in Federal Court in connection with Greenville Safe Neighborhoods, 20 have been convicted, with the remainder awaiting trial or other action.

The charges against 31 defendants fall into the following categories:

Gun Violence only - 13

Drugs only - 14

Guns and Drugs - 2

Carjacking - 1

Corruption/Extortion under Color of Law - 1

Greenville Safe Neighborhoods was officially launched on August 10, 2004, with a kickoff rally at the Washington County Courthouse with approximately 1000 people in attendance. Greenville is the second city in the Northern District of Mississippi that has received assistance of a Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) project against gun violence. Clarksdale preceded Greenville as a PSN site. Clarksdale's Project Safe Neighborhoods began in May 2002 and resulted in a notable reduction in violent crime after its first two years.

On the Lee plea and the progress of Greenville Safe Neighborhoods prosecutions:

U. S. Attorney Jim Greenlee said: "We cannot allow those that prey upon our citizens with guns or drugs to continue their behavior. The citizens of Greenville and Washington County are the benefactors of the hard work of the local, state and federal partners in Greenville Safe Neighborhoods. Our work and partnership have just begun."

Mark Chait, Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said: "Removing violent criminals from the community through aggressive investigation and prosecution will make the community safer. When cases like these come to fruition, it is

a credit to the local, state and federal law enforcement agencies that are working together toward a common goal of safer communities."

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Defendant	Action	Upcoming Action
Jemarquis K. Barrett	Guilty Plea 09/17/04	Sentencing 12/01/04; 37 months
	Possession of firearm by convicted felon	
Kevin Allen	Guilty Plea 10/25/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Aiding and abetting distribution of cocaine	
John Vincent Perry	Guilty Plea 11/01/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Extortion under color of official right	
	(Drug related)	
Michael A. Profitt	Guilty Plea 10/26/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Distribution of cocaine	
Donald Bivens	Guilty Plea 06/09/04	Sentencing set for 12/10/04
	Poss w/intent to dist cocaine	

Derrick Brown	Guilty Plea 09/17/04	Sentencing 12/01/04; 18 months
	Distribution of cocaine	
Charles Early	Guilty Plea 10/07/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Possession of firearm by convicted felon	
Charlton D. Harris	Guilty Plea 09/21/04	Sentencing set for 12/07/04
	Unlawful controlled substance user in possession of firearm	
Abelardo Gonzalez, Jr.	Guilty Plea 09/22/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Conspiracy to poss w/intent to dist cocaine	
Mario Teyon White	Guilty Plea 09/28/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Felon in possession of firearm	
Howard Smith	Guilty plea 10/12/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Felon in possession of firearm	
Timothy Sutton	Guilty plea 09/30/04	Awaiting sentencing

	Felon in possession of firearm	
William Charles Atkins	Guilty Plea 09/22/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Felon in possession of firearm	
Darryl Walker	Guilty Plea 11/09/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Carjacking	
Donald Clark	Guilty Plea 11/09/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Poss w/intent to dist cocaine	
Roy Nakita Epps	Guilty Plea 10/05/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Poss w/intent to dist cocaine	
Derek Byars	Guilty Plea 09/02/04	Awaiting sentencing
	Use of Comm Facility in facilitation of drug distribution	
Diane Grace	Guilty Plea 05/11/04	Sentencing set for 12/10/04
	Use of Comm Facility in facilitation of drug distribution	

Jacky Lamar Netterville	Guilty Plea 09/01/04	
	Use of Comm Facility in facilitation of drug distribution	
Roosevelt Shorter	Guilty Plea 08/19/04	Sentencing 12/01/04; 6 months
	Use of Comm Facility in facilitation of drug distribution	