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WHITEVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 187 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR DRUGS/GUNS

RALEIGH - United States Attorney George E. B. Holding announced that in federal court on January 7, 2007, Senior United States District Judge W. Earl Britt sentenced **JAMES ANTHONY FRINK**, 34, of Whiteville, North Carolina, to 187 months' imprisonment.

A Superseding Indictment filed by the United States Attorney's Office on September 27, 2007, charged **FRINK** with conspiring to distribute and possessing with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine base (crack), distributing 5 grams or more of cocaine base (crack), aiding and abetting the distribution of 5 grams or more of cocaine base (crack), and carrying a firearm, a .32 caliber, Smith and Wesson, pistol, during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. On October 4, 2007, a jury found **FRINK** guilty on all counts.

From August, 2006, to June, 2007, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives working with the Columbus County Sheriff's Department arranged numerous controlled buys of crack cocaine in varying amounts from **FRINK**.

Investigation of the case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Columbus County Sheriff's Department. Special Assistant United States Attorney D. Christian Thomas was prosecutor for the government.

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