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MAN RECEIVES 360 MONTH SENTENCE FOR SELLING DRUGS

RALEIGH - United States Attorney George E. B. Holding announced that in federal court yesterday Senior United States District Judge W. Earl Britt sentenced **GREGORY L. WALKER**, 40, to 360 months' imprisonment.

A federal Grand Jury returned a Superseding Indictment on September 27, 2007, charging **WALKER** 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 conspiring to distribute 5 grams or more of cocaine base (crack). On October 4, 2007, a jury found **WALKER** guilty.

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 **WALKER**.

"Sentencings such as these continue to send a message to those that deal in illicit drugs. That message is that we will continue

to prosecute to the fullest possible extent and to continue to seek rigid sentences so that the people in our towns and communities can feel safe," stated the United States Attorney, George Holding.

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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