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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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**FAYETTEVILLE MAN RECEIVES MORE THAN 10 YEARS IN PRISON**  
**FOR DRUG/FIREARM CHARGES**

**RALEIGH** - United States Attorney George E.B. Holding announced that yesterday in federal court United States District Judge Terrence W. Boyle sentenced **SHARIFF YSALAM CAUGHMAN**, 32, of Fayetteville, North Carolina to 131 months' imprisonment for possession with intent to distribute five or more grams of cocaine base and to being in possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. A Federal Grand Jury returned a Criminal Indictment on October 17, 2007. On December 10, 2007, **CAUGHMAN** pled guilty. On October 14, 2006, a Fayetteville Police Officer was dispatched to a disturbance with a handgun at the Upscale Lounge, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Upon arriving, the officer detained **CAUGHMAN** and was advised by one of the bouncers that **CAUGHMAN** had a black gun and had walked behind Labor Finders near a Cadillac, which was beside the business. The officer went to the area indicated and located a black Beretta 9mm handgun and a bag containing crack cocaine.

**CAUGHMAN** admitted he received the gun on October 10, 2006 in exchange for powder cocaine. He also admitted that he had received the Cadillac that evening in exchange for crack cocaine.

*"As everyone knows, drugs remain a problem in our communities throughout North Carolina and the entire United States. The key to eradicating illegal drugs from our communities is continued teamwork. This is just one of many examples of how the various levels of law enforcement and prosecutors working together are stemming the flow of drugs and violence in our communities,"* said Mr. Holding

Investigation of the case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, the Pitt County Sheriff's Office and the Fayetteville Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney David Bragdon served as prosecutor for the government.

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