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**GREENSBORO, NC** – United States Attorney Anna Mills Wagoner announced that STEPHAN DELAINE DAVIS, 35, of Pacific, Washington, was sentenced in Federal District Court in Greensboro, North Carolina, on April 29, 2005, in a drug and firearm prosecution.

The case was investigated by the Greensboro Police Department (GPD) and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). GPD and ATF worked together on this investigation as part of a violent crime impact reduction strategy known as “VCIT.”

In June 2004, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and ATF announced the deployment of Violent Crime Impact Teams (VCIT) in 15 cities. This pilot program, designed and implemented in collaboration with the Deputy Attorney General, strived to extend the successes seen with Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) to address homicides and firearms-related violent crime. The VCIT program leverages innovative technology, analytical investigative resources, and an integrated Federal, State, and local law enforcement strategy to identify, target, disrupt, arrest and prosecute the “worst of the worst” criminals responsible for violent crime in targeted locations.

On April 14, 2004, DAVIS was arrested on a state warrant for narcotics and weapon charges. On September 27, 2004, he was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Greensboro on

one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base “crack,” one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine, one count of carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The state charges were later dismissed.

DAVIS was previously convicted on November 21, 2001, in Washington of unlawful possession of a firearm in the first degree, a felony charge in that state.

DAVIS plead guilty on February 7, 2005, to conspiracy to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base “crack,” one count of carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. On April 29, 2005, United States District Judge William L. Osteen sentenced DAVIS to a total term of imprisonment of 152 months and a four year term of supervised release. DAVIS has been in custody since October 4, 2004, when he was arrested on the federal charges against him.