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**WORCESTER COUNTY MAN CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT
OF DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK COCAINE**

Faces a Minimum Mandatory Sentence of 10 Years on Each of Four Counts

Baltimore, Maryland - A federal jury convicted Curtis Schoolfield, a/k/a "Smooosh," age 39, of Pocomoke City, Maryland late yesterday of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, and distribution and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to testimony at the two day trial, Schoolfield sold 16, 12.9 and 20.3 grams of crack to a government informant on three separate occasions. On one occasion, he sent his mother to deliver the crack and collect the money. The jury returned its verdict after deliberating less than two hours.

On November 8, 2000, Schoolfield was convicted in the Circuit Court for Worcester County, Maryland, of distribution of crack cocaine and was sentenced to 6 years in prison for this conviction, with 4 years and 6 months suspended followed by 2 years probation.

Due to this prior drug trafficking conviction, Curtis Schoolfield faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison on the conspiracy count and on each of the three counts of distribution of crack cocaine and a maximum sentence of life in prison. U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz has scheduled sentencing for December 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Worcester County Drug Task Force for their investigative work in this Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force case. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory Welsh, who is prosecuting the case.