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**DRUG DISTRIBUTION AND GUN EARN FORT DEPOSIT MAN FOUR YEARS IN  
FEDERAL PRISON**

*Montgomery, Alabama* - Anthony Tolliver, age 38, of Fort Deposit, Alabama, was sentenced in federal district court to four years in prison for distributing crack cocaine while possessing a gun, U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. Tolliver was also sentenced to serve five years of supervised release under the supervision of a federal probation officer after his release from prison.

Tolliver pled guilty on December 30, 2008, to distributing crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in Fort Deposit on April 6, 2006, and to possessing a firearm in furtherance of the drug distribution. Federal law prohibits possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking offenses.

According to United States Attorney Leura G. Canary, "Drug dealers who possess guns have a terrible effect on the safety of our communities, but the successful prosecution of drug and gun crimes will positively affect the quality of life in Fort Deposit and other areas in this district."

The case was investigated as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Middle District of Alabama's Alabama ICE (Isolating the Criminal Element) programs, aimed at preventing violent crime and the illegal possession of firearms.

This case was investigated through the joint efforts of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Matthew Shepherd.