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**Lansing, Michigan – March 15, 2007** – United States Attorney Margaret M. Chiara and Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart J. Dunning, III announced the dismantling of the AHH DEE AHH drug organization and the upcoming sentencing of two of its principal members, Jamokenteyatta Curtis Hampton, 31, and Damond Dshan Bean, 34, both from Detroit, Michigan. AHH DEE AHH, which was led and organized by Hampton, distributed hundreds of kilograms of cocaine throughout the Lansing area from 2001 through the Summer of 2005. Bean and his deceased brother, Albert Bean, were the primary cocaine suppliers to the organization. Some of the powder cocaine Hampton and AHH DEE AHH obtained was manufactured into crack cocaine and distributed throughout the Lansing area, along with multiple kilograms of heroin obtained from New York and New Jersey, and over 100 kilograms of marijuana. The street value of the controlled substances distributed by Hampton, AHH DEE AHH, and its members and associates exceeded 30 million dollars. The organization was also responsible for or involved in at least two kidnappings, several shootings, and other violent crimes.

In the Summer of 2005, the United States Attorney's Office launched an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("OCDETF") investigation dubbed "Operation Rainy Day," focusing on the AHH DEE AHH drug organization and Hampton, who was known to

AHH DEE AHH members as “Rudy.” The task force was led by the Justice Department’s Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”) and the Lansing Police Department’s Special Operations Section. Over the course of the investigation, six search warrants were executed in Detroit and more than 20 others were executed in the Lansing area. Investigators seized \$168,000 in United States currency, and personal property with an estimated value of \$186,250. Seventeen firearms were confiscated from AHH DEE AHH members and their associates. Investigators also seized vehicles with motorized electronic traps that were used to transport the drugs and drug proceeds, and in one of the Lansing area homes used by Hampton and AHH DEE AHH, police discovered a hidden trap built into the wall of a closet. Cooperating defendants have confirmed that this trap was used to store large quantities of controlled substances and firearms for the organization.

To date, 27 members and associates of AHH DEE AHH have been indicted. All 27 have pled guilty. Eighteen of the 27 defendants have been sentenced , with the average sentence being 108 months in federal prison. On March 22, 2007, Hampton and Bean are scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Robert Holmes Bell, Chief United States District Judge, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Four additional Project Safe Neighborhoods prosecutions have developed from this investigation, and four Michigan Department of Corrections parolees were arrested and sent back to state custody as a result of their involvement with AHH DEE AHH.

Ms. Chiara and Mr. Dunnings acknowledged the efforts of all the federal, state and local law enforcement officers involved with this investigation, and recognized in particular the professionalism and leadership of ATF Special Agent Steven Toth, Detective/Sergeant Daniel Zolnai, and Detective Hung Tran of the Lansing Police Department, all of whom made significant contributions to the success of this OCDETF investigation. The cases were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian P. Lennon.

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