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**FORTY-EIGHT INDIVIDUALS INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES  
FOLLOWING UNDERCOVER STOREFRONT INVESTIGATION**

**AUGUSTA, Ga.** – Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that a federal grand jury last week returned indictments against 48 defendants, for a combined total of 124 counts related primarily to firearm and drug offenses.

Booth stated that the indictments stem from a 16-month undercover operation conducted out of the “Colur Tyme” Tattoo Parlor on Tobacco Road in Hephzibah, Georgia. Sheriff Ronald Strength and the Richmond County Sheriff’s Office (RCSO) initiated the investigation in the Summer of 2006, and within a few months, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) joined in the operation, bringing additional resources and personnel to assist in the effort. Undercover agents and detectives posed as owners and employees of the business who were interested in making illegal firearms and drug purchases from the criminal element. These undercover agents and detectives immediately began making contacts with multiple suspects, many of them gang members, and purchasing drugs, stolen vehicles and firearms. Through the investigation officers and agents established contacts with members of several local gangs including the Georgia Deadly Boys Gang aka 23’rd, Only with True Thugs aka O-Dub, Glen Hills Boys Gang, Uptown Boys/Farington Gangster Thugs and the Meadowbrook Clique throughout the investigation. These gangs are mostly

neighborhood-based gangs encompassing neighborhoods of the downtown and southern areas of Augusta.

During the undercover operation, agents and officers purchased over 330 firearms to include, handguns, rifles, assault rifles, shotguns and sawed-off shot guns, along with narcotics and stolen cars. Evidence obtained suggests that some of the purchased guns may have been used in violent crimes or stolen in burglaries of homes and of licensed firearms dealers. In addition, the investigation revealed that some of the individuals who sold firearms in the storefront were felons having previous convictions for violent offenses, including assault, robbery, burglary, narcotics trafficking and firearms violations.

“I hope this undercover operation sends a message to gang members and other criminal elements of our county that the Richmond County Sheriff’s Office will continue to work hard to arrest and convict anyone involved in illegal activity,” said Sheriff Ronald Strength. “Also, I hope the law abiding citizens of Richmond County will be assured that our agency will never stop working to take criminals off our streets that do so much harm in our community”

Booth commented that “this undercover operation is a prime example of exceptional cooperation between federal and local law enforcement in addressing violent crime and gang related activities in this community.” Vanessa L. McLemore, Special Agent in Charge of ATF’s Atlanta Field Division added that “ATF remains relentless in its efforts to reduce violent crime and rid our streets of criminal gangs like these. Today ATF is reinforcing the message that we have zero tolerance for the existence of armed gang violence and the drug trade that fuels it.”

"The success of this undercover operation and the prosecutions now underway, demonstrate the resolve that will be necessary to successfully fight organized gang activity," said

District Attorney Daniel J. Craig whose office is separately prosecuting several other cases arising from the undercover operation. "By using the most sophisticated law enforcement measures that have been developed to date, we have gained control of dozens of criminals who believed they could terrorize our community. We won't quit until the last one has been sentenced."

Booth commended the dedication and service of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives throughout the investigation.

Booth stressed that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Booth noted that these cases were federally prosecuted as part of the district's Project Ceasefire initiative, a program devoted to reducing gun violence by prosecuting individuals found in possession of firearms who cannot legally possess them, such as felons and drug dealers. The Government is being represented in these prosecutions by Assistant United States Attorneys Nancy C. Greenwood and Patricia G. Johnson, and Special Assistant United States Attorney Ashley Wright, who is also an Assistant District Attorney in District Attorney Craig's office.

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**FEDERAL INDICTMENTS RELATED TO STOREFRONT INVESTIGATION:**

<b>Federal Indictments</b>	<b>Federal Offense(s) Charged and Maximum Statutory Penalty</b>
XAVIER ZANE BAKER	<p>Theft of Firearms from a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(u)</p> <p>Possession and Sale of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p> <p>Receipt of a Firearm While Under Felony Indictment, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(n)</p>
JIMMY BONAPARTE, aka "Rugged"	<p>Distribution of Cocaine (2 counts), maximum penalty 20 years imprisonment each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p> <p>Distribution of Marijuana, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p> <p>Felon in Possession of Ammunition, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p>
<p>JONATHAN DAVID BRIDGES</p> <p>JUSTIN BRIAN BOSSICK aka "SLIM"</p>	<p><u>BRIDGES:</u> Distribution of Marijuana (3 counts), maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment, each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p> <p>Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p> <p><u>BOSSICK:</u> Distribution of Marijuana, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p>

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<p>DEWANE MAURICE CAIN</p> <p>ROBERT EUGENE HALE, aka “Juan”, and “Slim”</p>	<p><u>CAIN AND HALE:</u> Possession and Sale of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p> <p><u>CAIN:</u> Felon in Possession of a Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p> <p><u>HALE:</u> Receipt of a Firearm While Under Felony Indictment, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(n)</p>
<p>KENNETH WAYNE CAMPBELL</p>	<p>Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition (3 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p>
<p>TIMOTHY DAVID CHALKER</p>	<p>Possession of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841, 5861(d), and 5871</p> <p>Transfer of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun Without Proper Application, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5812, 5861(e), and 5871</p> <p>Manufacture of a Sawed Off Shotgun, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5822, 5861(f), and 5871</p>
<p>DARRELL MARQUAIL COUNCIL</p>	<p>Possession of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun (2 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841, 5861(d), and 5871</p> <p>Transfer of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun Without Proper Application (2 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5812, 5861(e), and 5871</p>

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<p>CHRISTOPHER LORENZO CURTIS,</p> <p>CEDRIC DERELL DAVENPORT</p>	<p><u>CURTIS AND DAVENPORT:</u> Theft of Firearms from a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(u)</p> <p><u>DAVENPORT:</u> Possession and Sale of a Stolen Firearm (2 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p> <p><u>CURTIS:</u> Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p>
<p>PATRICK LORENZO DAWSON, aka "BLACK"</p> <p>GREGORY HUMPHREY aka "MAURICE"</p>	<p><u>DAWSON AND HUMPHREY:</u> Sale or Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 2313</p> <p><u>DAWSON:</u> Felon in Possession of a Firearm (4 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p> <p>Possession of a Stolen Firearm (2 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p> <p>Possession of a Firearm Having an Obliterated Serial Number (2 counts), maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(k)</p>
<p>DENNIS DURHAM, aka "Greedy",</p> <p>JONATHAN MARCELL JOHNSON, aka "Jon Jon", and</p> <p>JAMES LEWIS JACKSON, JR. aka "Rock" and "Big Roc"</p>	<p>Distribution of Cocaine Hydrochloride, maximum penalty 20 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p>
<p>MARVIN HIKEEM GRIFFIN</p>	<p>Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p>

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BALAAM BENJAMIN GRINNAGE, a.k.a. "Bizo"	Felon in Possession of a Firearm (3 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)
JERMAINE HANNAH aka "SNOOP"	Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)
JERMAINE HANNAH aka "SNOOP"  SERRANO MARQUESE WILLIAMS	Possession of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841, 5861(d), and 5871.  Transfer of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun Without Proper Application, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5812, 5861(e), and 5871.
RANDY EUGENE HARRIS	Dealing in Firearms Without a License (3 counts), maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)  Making False Statements in the Acquisition of Firearms, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(1)(A)  Transfer of a Firearm to a Non-Resident (3 counts), maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(5)

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<p>LARRY THOMAS HARRIS</p> <p>ANTONIO PEREZ JOHNSON</p> <p>GEORGE EDWARDS, JR.</p>	<p><u>HARRIS, JOHNSON, EDWARDS:</u>  Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess With Intent to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Cocaine Base (Crack); not less than 10 years nor more than Life imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 846</p> <p><u>HARRIS:</u>  Distribution of 5 Grams or More of Cocaine Base (Crack), (4 counts), not less than 5 years, nor more than 40 years imprisonment, each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p> <p>Possession With Intent to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Cocaine Base (Crack), not less than 10 years nor more than Life imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p> <p><u>EDWARDS:</u>  Distribution of 5 Grams or More of Cocaine Base (Crack), not less than 5 years, nor more than 40 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p> <p><u>A. JOHNSON:</u>  Possession With Intent to Distribute 5 Grams or More of Cocaine Base (Crack), not less than 5 years, nor more than 40 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p>
<p>DONIEL JAMAL HICKS, aka “Black”</p>	<p>Felon in Possession of a Firearm (3 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p>
<p>VACHAEL JESSIE aka “Kell”</p>	<p>Distribution of Cocaine Base (Crack) (3 counts), maximum penalty 20 years imprisonment, each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p> <p>Distribution of Cocaine Hydrochloride (Powder) (2 counts), maximum penalty 20 years imprisonment, each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p>



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JONATHAN MARCELL JOHNSON, aka "Jon Jon"	<p>Dealing in Firearms Without a License (3 counts), maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)</p> <p>Possession of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841, 5861(d), and 5871.</p> <p>Transfer of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun Without Proper Application, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5812, 5861(e), and 5871.</p>
KEDRICK MARQUIEZ JOHNSON	Felon in Possession of a Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)
WILLIE JAMES JOHNSON, aka Slim	<p>Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition (2 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p> <p>Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p>
TEKEIL DARRIS LEE JAMES SHUBERT CLIFFORD, JR.	<p><u>LEE AND CLIFFORD:</u> Possession of Stolen Firearms, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p> <p><u>LEE:</u> Possession of a Firearm Having an Obliterated Serial Number, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(k)</p> <p><u>CLIFFORD:</u> Receipt of a Firearm While Under Indictment, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(n)</p>

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AMTRON QUINTEZ MCCLADDIE aka Antron McCladdie	Felon in Possession of a Firearm (5 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)  Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)
DANASCHIO DONTE MURPHY, aka “Donte”, “DJ”, “DT”, “GT”	Dealing in Firearms Without a License, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)  Distribution of MDMA (Ecstasy), maximum penalty 20 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)
JOHN ANTHONY OSBORNE, aka “Hood”	Dealing in Firearms Without a License, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)  Possession of a Firearm Having an Obliterated Serial Number, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(k)  Possession and Sale of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)
MOSES ADAM JAMES PIERCE, III, aka “Mo”	Felon in Possession of a Firearm (2 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)
BRENT GUILLOME PROCTOR	Distribution of Marijuana (5 counts), maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment, each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)  Use of a Firearm During the Commission of a Drug Trafficking Offense, not less than 5 years imprisonment consecutive to any other sentence. 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)  Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)
KELCEY DWAYNE ROBERTS	Possession of Stolen Firearms (2 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)

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TYRONE ROBINSON, aka "Ty"	<p>Felon in Possession of a Firearm (3 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p> <p>Possession and Sale of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p>
MARCUS DARRELL SALMOND, a.k.a. "Jay"	Distribution of Marijuana (2 counts), maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment, each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)
JAMES ERNEST SHAFFER	Possession of a Firearm Having an Obliterated Serial Number, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(k)
JUMAR ANTWAN SHEPPARD aka "Jamal"	<p>Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p> <p>Distribution of 5 Grams or More of Cocaine Base (Crack), not less than 5 years nor more than 40 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p>
JAMES DAVID SIMMONS, SR. a.k.a. "Don"	<p>Felon in Possession of a Firearm (2 counts), maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment, each count. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p> <p>Possession of an Unregistered Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841, 5861(d), and 5871.</p> <p>Transfer of an Unregistered Firearm Without Proper Application, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 26 U.S.C. §§ 5812, 5861(e), and 5871.</p>
JAMES BARTELL SMILEY	<p>Felon in Possession of a Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p> <p>Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p>

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<p>WILBUR ST. SURIN, aka “Frost”,  DWAYNE CLEON O’SULLIVAN,  aka “Rasta”, and “Donavan Jackson”</p>	<p><u>ST. SURIN and O’SULLIVAN:</u>  Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess With Intent to Distribute Marijuana, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 846</p> <p><u>ST. SURIN:</u>  Distribution of Marijuana, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p>
<p>SAMUEL VANESSA SUNKETT</p>	<p>Felon in Possession of a Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)</p>
<p>MARQUELL WASHINGTON</p>	<p>Possession of a Firearm Having an Obliterated Serial Number, maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(k)</p>
<p>TERRENCE QUINTON WILLIAMS,  aka “Q”</p>	<p>Possession of a Stolen Firearm, maximum penalty 10 years imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)</p>
<p>JERELL DEANGELO WILSON</p>	<p>Distribution of Marijuana (2 counts), maximum penalty 5 years imprisonment, each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)</p>