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CRACK COCAINE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that VERNON JONES, 24, Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 360 months imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to possession with intent to distribute and distribution of crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Evansville Police Department (EPD).

On September 27 and October 9, 2007, the DEA and EPD executed controlled purchases of eighth ounce quantities of crack cocaine from JONES. On October 9, the DEA and EPD executed a search warrant at JONES' residence, on Jefferson Avenue in Evansville. JONES attempted to flush crack cocaine down the toilet, but the crack cocaine got caught inside of the toilet. The crack cocaine weighed 80 grams. JONES' sentence was aggravated because he had three prior felony drug convictions.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed five years supervised release following JONES's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, JONES is subject to random urinalysis and random searches of his person, vehicle, and residence.

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