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DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR HEROIN DISTRIBUTION

Part of Larger Drug Distribution Conspiracy in Area Targeted by "Project Safe Neighborhoods"

Atlanta, GA - KENDRICK TERRELL, 35, ANTONIO EVANS, 45, RAYMOND HOLLIS, 47, all of Atlanta, Georgia; and RONALD MCGINTY, 58, of College Park, Georgia, were sentenced late yesterday by Chief United States District Judge Orinda D. Evans on charges of Conspiracy to Distribute Heroin.

TERRELL was sentenced to 20 years in prison to be followed by 10 years of supervised release. TERRELL was convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin and distribution of crack cocaine on March 15, 2006.

ANTONIO EVANS was sentenced to 15 years, 8 months in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. EVANS was convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin on March 22, 2006.

HOLLIS was sentenced to 10 years in prison to be followed by 8 years of supervised release. HOLLIS was convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin on March 15, 2006.

MCGINTY was sentenced to 6 years, 6 months in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. MCGINTY was convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin on March 29, 2006.

Two other defendants, JONATHAN EVANS, 50, and TERRY ROSS, 47, both of Atlanta, Georgia, await a sentencing date by the Court. EVANS was convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin on March 15, 2006. ROSS was convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin on May 16, 2006.

United States Attorney David Nahmias said of the sentences, and the efforts of the Project Safe Neighborhoods partners, "Heroin distributors have operated too easily in this neighborhood for far too many years, making life dangerous and unpleasant for law-abiding residents. Those who distribute heroin here should pay attention because we plan to send you to federal prison for a long time. Those who use heroin should also recognize times are

changing. I suggest you seek help for your heroin addiction because your supply will be drying up and this neighborhood does not need residents or visitors seeking only illegal drugs here.”

Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington said, “Atlanta Police officers will continue to aggressively investigate the cancerous drug activity that affects our neighborhoods and work with state and federal authorities to turn the investigations into effective prosecutions. We will make every effort to keep our citizens safe and use every tool we can, including prosecutions at the federal courthouse.”

The heroin distribution charged took place in the English Avenue, Vine City, and West End communities, which are Atlanta neighborhoods located just West of downtown. These communities are located in or near the four PSN focus areas in the city, areas chosen because they have suffered from high levels of drug trafficking and violent crime, particularly firearms-related crime, for many years. PSN is a national initiative that permits each U. S. Attorney to develop individualized strategies and partnerships with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and with community residents and community associations to reduce violent crime.

This case was investigated by the ATF, the Atlanta Police Department, and other PSN partners in this operation: the U. S. Marshal’s Southeastern Fugitive Task Force; the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force (HIDTA); United States Probation; Georgia Department of Corrections; and Georgia Board of Pardons & Paroles.

Assistant United States Attorney Todd C. Alley prosecuted this case.

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