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FLORIDA MAN CONVICTED BY FEDERAL JURY IN DRUG MONEY LAUNDERING SCHEME

Atlanta, GA - ADAM J. SHORR, 38, of Clearwater, Florida, was found guilty this afternoon by a federal jury on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to launder drug money.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "One of many problems that drug dealers have is finding ways to integrate huge sums of cash into the legitimate stream of commerce and then figuring out ways to hold onto those assets once law enforcement authorities catch up with them. Federal agents are not only very knowledgeable in finding the dirty money, their hard work often ends in a decisive federal conviction. Again in this case, a drug money launderer is going to federal prison for a long time."

IRS-Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge Reginael D. McDaniel said, "Let today's conviction of Mr. Shorr send notice to all those who knowingly launder cash for drug dealers--IRS Criminal Investigation will be there with our law enforcement partners to find the cash and follow the money trail, which will ultimately lead to prison."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, and other information presented in court: From 1998 to 2003, SHORR, a former telemarketer, invested drug proceeds in various legitimate businesses, including telemarketing, coffee shops and other internet-related ventures in the Atlanta area and elsewhere. Between January and November 2002, SHORR invested additional drug-related funds in a small strip shopping center in Alpharetta, Georgia, which was later forfeited to the federal government at a value of approximately \$960,000. Through a series of transactions, SHORR and his co-conspirators transferred the shopping center's title to another drug dealer, who used shell corporations in an attempt to hide it from law enforcement and to launder further drug money.

The evidence showed that SHORR acted as a "front man" for a drug dealer and importer of ecstasy, and that SHORR's duties also included sponsoring "rave" parties that included such drug use and managing properties and other assets after the drug kingpin fled during a related drug investigation. The convicted drug dealer, Steven Ashley House, 38, of

Woodstock, Georgia, was prosecuted in this federal district and is currently serving a term of 17 years in federal prison on drug-related charges.

Sentencing for SHORR is set for October, 30, 2008, before United States District Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. SHORR faces a maximum sentence of 80 years in federal prison. In determining the actual sentence, the Court will consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines, which are not binding but provide appropriate sentencing ranges for most offenders.

This case was investigated by the IRS-Criminal Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Assistant United States Attorney Jenny Turner and Special Assistant United States Attorney Mark Campbell prosecuted this case.

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