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NEWS RELEASE

**FEDERAL EXECUTION DATES SET FOR RICHARD TIPTON, CORY JOHNSON, AND
JAMES H. ROANE, JR.**

The Federal Bureau of Prisons has set May 8th, May 10th, and May 12, 2006, respectively, as the dates on which to carry out the death sentences of inmates Richard Tipton, Cory Johnson, and James H. Roane, Jr., at the Federal Correctional Complex, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Tipton, Johnson, and Roane were co-defendants in a large scale drug trafficking organization. On February 3, 1993, they were found guilty of Murder in Furtherance of a Continuing Criminal Enterprise, in violation of Title 21, U.S.C. 848(e)(1)(a). A jury recommended the death penalty for each individual, and, as required by law, U.S. District Judge James P. Spencer, of the Eastern District of Virginia, formally imposed the sentence on June 1, 1993.

On December 19, 2005, the Federal Bureau of Prisons notified Tipton, Johnson, and Roane in writing of their scheduled execution dates. Each execution will occur at 7:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

In accordance with Federal regulations, the method of execution will be lethal injection.

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