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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; PAUL LOGLI, Winnebago County State's Attorney; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and CHET EPPERSON, Rockford Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **GREGORY T. PERRY**, 38 (DOB: 06/16/68), 2108 Dresden, Rockford, to 18 years in federal prison without parole for distributing crack cocaine. **PERRY** was also ordered to serve a period of five years of supervised release upon his release from prison.

PERRY'S case was part of a series of 13 federal indictments returned by a grand jury in March 2005 which charged 19 Rockford residents with gun trafficking, drug dealing, and other firearms charges arising from a year-long Project Safe Neighborhoods investigation. The 13 federal indictments charged the illegal sales of 74 guns, as well as 11 sales of crack cocaine. In total, the investigation led to the recovery of 99 firearms, including numerous sawed-off shotguns and guns with an obliterated serial number. All 19 defendants have now been convicted and sentenced in federal court. Those defendants are:

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50016

DERRICK BROWN, 25 (DOB: 9/13/81), 1217 Seminary Street, Rockford, was convicted of illegal firearms dealing and being a felon in possession of a firearm. **BROWN** was sentenced to 102 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

JOE T. DAKER, 28 (DOB: 11/18/78), 1128 Blaisdell, Rockford, was convicted of illegal firearms dealing and possessing a firearm after being convicted of a crime of domestic violence. **DAKER** was sentenced to 52 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

ALEX EZIDORE, also known as "Stank," 24 (DOB: 4/20/82), 1117 Elm Street, Rockford, was convicted of illegal firearms dealing and possession of a sawed-off shotgun. **EZIDORE** was sentenced to 78 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50017

DANIEL C. DUNN, 24 (DOB: 9/9/82), 4664 Jade Parkway, Rockford, was convicted of illegal firearms dealing as well as conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine in case number 05 CR 50018, outlined below. **DUNN** was sentenced to 52 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release, to run concurrently with each other.

JOSEPH E. McQUALITY, 27 (DOB: 3/3/79), Rockford, was convicted of illegal firearms dealing and being a felon in possession of firearms. **McQUALITY** was sentenced to 42 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50018

REGINALD D. PURVIS, also known as "Reggie," 33 (DOB: 9/3/73), 3012 Arcadia Terrace, Rockford, was convicted of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. **PURVIS** was sentenced to 22 years in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50019

ZALDELIACCA KING, also known as "Deli," 26 (DOB: 7/16/80), 2307 Lucille Street, Rockford, was convicted of distributing crack cocaine. **KING** was sentenced to 10 years in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 4 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50020

RICKY HAMILTON, 51 (DOB: 10/01/55), 1335 Clover Avenue, Rockford, was convicted of illegal firearms dealing and being a felon in possession of firearms. **HAMILTON** was sentenced to 25 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

WILLIAM W. FARMER, 69 (DOB: 11/13/37), 4710 20th Street, Rockford, was convicted of being a felon in possession of firearms. **FARMER** was sentenced to 30 months of probation.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50021

JOHN L. WEATHERBY, 39 (DOB: 10/04/67), 119 S. Day, Rockford, was convicted of distributing crack cocaine. **WEATHERBY** was sentenced to 22 years in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50022

SEAN D. BURKS, 21 (DOB: 01/21/86), 807 Houghton, Rockford, was convicted of illegal firearms dealing. **BURKS** was sentenced to 5 years in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50023

GREGORY T. PERRY, also known as “Big G,” was convicted of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. As outlined above, **PERRY** was sentenced to 22 years in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release.

CHARLES H. BROWN, 53 (DOB: 11/17/53), 1708 - 18th Avenue, Rockford, was convicted of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. **BROWN** was sentenced to 110 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50024

BOBBY BROWNLEE, 44 (DOB: 12/16/62), 1511 S. 5th Street, Rockford, was convicted of distributing crack cocaine. **BROWNLEE** was sentenced to 112 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 4 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50025

XAVIER R. MYLES, also known as “X,” 27 (DOB: 05/21/79), 830 N. Annie Glidden, # 803, DeKalb, Illinois, was convicted of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. **MYLES** was sentenced to 102 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release.

CHRISTOPHER L. TILLMAN, also known as “Chris,” 21 (DOB: 02/22/85), 504 N. Court Street, Rockford, was convicted of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. **TILLMAN** was sentenced to 90 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 4 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50026

ANTHONY DAVIS, 21 (DOB: 10/13/85), 124 N. Calvin Park Boulevard, Rockford, was convicted of illegal firearms dealing and possession of a sawed-off shotgun. **DAVIS**

was sentenced to 70 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50027

TOMMIE INGRAM, 51 (DOB: 11/13/55), 118 Ashley Court, Rockford, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm. **INGRAM** was sentenced to 77 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

Federal Indictment No. 05 CR 50028

JOSYLN JERMAINE THOMPSON, also known as “Jarv,” 28 (DOB: 07/09/78), of 1512 Iris Avenue, Rockford, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm. **THOMPSON** was sentenced to 76 months in the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release.

The convictions and sentences outlined above were the result of a cooperative effort of the law enforcement agencies named above in furtherance of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative announced in Rockford in July 2002. Project Safe Neighborhoods is an intensive, cooperative effort between local, state, and federal law enforcement to attack gun crimes. The cornerstone of the program is that every gun violation will be reviewed for possible federal prosecution in order to obtain the harshest penalties for the worst offenders. Additional information about Project Safe Neighborhoods may be found at www.psn.gov.

The cases were prosecuted in United States District Court by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael F. Iasparro and Mark T. Karner.

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