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Jackson, Miss - Antonio Turner and Cornelius Black, both of Jackson, Mississippi, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Linda R. Anderson in federal court today, U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton announced. Turner and Black were indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of Robbery by Force, Brandishing a Firearm, Carjacking, Discharge of a Firearm and Being Convicted Felons in Possession of a Firearm.

The indictment alleges that on July 7, 2008 Turner and Black robbed the Mississippi Title & Payday Loans in Jackson, carrying guns and demanding money from the employees. The indictment further alleges that, on the same date, Turner carjacked a patrol car and in so doing caused serious bodily injury to the police officer driving that police car. Additionally, the indictment alleges that both Turner and Black were convicted felons possessing firearms as well as using, carrying, brandishing, and discharging a firearm during crimes of violence.

Turner and Black are set for trial on November 4, 2008, before United States District Judge Daniel P. Jordan. If convicted, Antonio Turner faces a maximum of 67 years in prison and Cornelius Black faces 42 in prison.

Mr. Lampton noted that this is, yet, another excellent example of federal and local law enforcement officers working together to get dangerous criminals apprehended. The federal and local law enforcement agencies participating in this case include the Cease Fire Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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