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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD:
GUN/GANG VIOLENCE TASK FORCE - A FULL PARTNERSHIP
IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

RALEIGH - George E. B. Holding, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, announced today that the United States Attorney's Office is continuing their commitment to reduce violent crime and gang-related activities through the participation and partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program and Anti-Gang Task Forces.

U.S. Attorney Holding said, "***In the Eastern District of North Carolina, we have substantially increased prosecutions of repeat violent offenders and criminals since the 1990s.***"

In the 1990s, the district averaged less than 100 prosecutions of gun criminals per year. With the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Anti-Gang Initiatives, the Eastern District has averaged close to 300 prosecutions of gun criminals per year.

The Eastern District remains committed to prosecuting gun offenders and is one of the top districts in the nation leading the fight against gun violence.

For the fiscal year 2009, the Eastern District of North

Carolina ranked fourth in the nation for firearms prosecutions.

Project Safe Neighborhoods and our Anti-Gang Task Forces encourage federal, state, and local agencies to cooperate in a united team effort against gun crime, targeting repeat violent offenders who continually plague their communities. Each PSN and Anti-Gang Task Force designs and implements a local approach to combat the specific gun crime problems of that community.

Project Safe Neighborhoods and our Anti-Gang take forces combine vigorous enforcement of Federal and State Firearms Laws with cooperative prevention and intervention initiatives.

This strategy gives identified offenders a second chance to turn their lives around and become productive citizens.

Throughout the Eastern District, the U.S. Attorney's Office has partnered with federal, state, and local police departments and community partners to offer assistance to offenders.

_____In Raleigh, the Department of Justice is also providing substantial financial support for local anti-gang efforts in the form of a \$2.5 million grant to Wake County and Durham. The grant allocates \$1 million for law enforcement, \$1 million for gang prevention efforts, and \$500,000 for anti-recidivism efforts directed at gang offenders who have completed their prison sentences. The Wake County portion of the grant is focusing on the southeast area of Raleigh that has the highest concentration of gang-related crime.

GUILTY VERDICT - AWAITING SENTENCING

_____ **Durwood Joseph Fields**, 38, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, a multiple convicted felon, heroin addict, and drug dealer was indicted on December 30, 2008, to one count of possession of firearms. On September 29, 2009, a trial was held in New Bern, North Carolina, and on October 1, 2009, a jury found Fields guilty of possessing 34 firearms, including pistols, revolvers, shotguns, and rifles. Fields was also found in possession of items which suggested that he may have been a planning a kidnapping/home invasion. These items included a police shirt, handcuffs, scanner, two-way radios, gloves, and a "to do list," indicating that he needed a warrant and a business card of an ATF agent. Fields is scheduled to be sentenced on December 7, 2009.

_____ **WILLIAM JOSEPH INMAN**, 38, Wilmington, North Carolina, was charged by Criminal Indictment returned on October 22, 2008. On April 29, 2009, a jury found Inman guilty of unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Evidence presented at trial revealed that on January 18, 2008, the Wilmington Police Department received information that Inman was running an illegal gambling business out of, *Two Trees Pools and Spa*, his pool cleaning and supply business in Wilmington, North Carolina. Inman reportedly would sit at a desk directly in the path of the front door of his business and was known to keep a large handgun on his person at all times. A search warrant was obtained and executed at

Two Trees Pools and Spa. As the officers were entering the premises an officer saw Inman pull out a .40 caliber handgun. The officer fired two shots, one of which hit Inman in the shoulder and the other passed over his shoulder. Sentencing is set for December 9, 2009.

INDICTED

Jayson Collins Philpott, 24, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, was indicted on February 4, 2009, for Felon in Possession of Firearms. On March 22, 2008, the Rocky Mount Police Department (RMPD) Street Engagement Team (SET) went to the Super 9 Motel, 307 Mosely Court, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, to look into numerous complaints related to the sale of illegal narcotics and prostitution. SET members were conducting surveillance at the Super 9 Motel and observed an individual exit a vehicle and go to the rear door of the motel. The SET members approached Jayson Collins Philpott, and detected an odor of burnt marijuana coming from him. A probable cause search was conducted, and a handgun and a large bag of marijuana was found on Philpott. A search warrant was obtained for the motel room. Two grams of crack cocaine, crack cocaine in a \$1 bill that was in a cigarette pack between some cloths, and another \$1 bill that was hidden between the pages of a phonebook were recovered. Philpott was arrested. Philpott is currently detained and awaiting trial for murder by the State of North Carolina.

Travaris Rahmel Davis, 23, of Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina, was indicted on October 28, 2009, charging aiding and abetting possession of stolen firearms and dealing in firearms without a federal license. The case is currently pending.

DISPELLING GANG ACTIVITY IN THE RALEIGH AREA

Gregory Antonio Byrd, 35, **Courtney Dunn**, a/k/a "Bourtney," 25, and **Derek Louis Griffis**, a/k/a "Red," 21, were charged by Criminal Indictments on October 8, 2009, with unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; and **Travis Carl Evans**, a/k/a "Trap," 30, was charged with distribution of 50 grams or more of cocaine base (crack). The arraignments for Byrd, Dunn, and Evans are set for January 4, 2010. The arraignment for Griffis is set for January 5, 2010.

Damien Antwan Richadson, a/k/a "Daddy-O," 25, was indicted on July 9, 2009, charging five drug offenses. Arraignment is set for December 7, 2009.

Clifton Jerome Washington, 27, was indicted on April 16, 2009, for unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The case is pending.

William Lamar McNeil, a/k/a "L," 26, was indicted on June 18, 2009, charging one count of conspiring to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine base (crack) and more than 500 grams of cocaine and one count of

possession with the intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine.

Antonio Montana Boyd, a/k/a "Ya Yo," 22, was indicted on July 9, 2009, with seven drug charges. This case is pending.

Omar Delean Wynn, a/k/a "Black," 38, charged by Criminal Indictment on March 11, 2009, with unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, is a fugitive.

SENTENCED

 Stephen Peter Sylvester, 19, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was indicted on February 19, 2009. The indictment alleges that between October 16, 2008 and December 12, 2008, Sylvester robbed seven businesses that engaged in interstate commerce, and was in Possession of a Firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Sylvester was committing the robberies as part of his initiation into a gang and confessed to six of the seven robberies charged in the indictment. On July 29, 2009, Sylvester pled guilty to Counts 1, 6 and 7 of the Indictment. On October 21, 2009, Sylvester was sentenced to 97 months incarceration followed by 5 years of supervised release.

William Travis Warren, Jr., 28, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was charged in a Superseding Indictment on January 22, 2009. Warren pled guilty to Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon on February 9, 2009. On January 1, 2008, officers were dispatched to a shooting. The victim, who was shot in the leg, identified Warren as Warren entered a residence. Officers went to the

residence and arrested Warren. Further investigation revealed that Warren's girlfriend had disposed of the firearm, per his request. The weapon, an Arminus .22 caliber revolver, was recovered at a McDonald's after a witness led officers to the site. Warren was sentenced on May 5, 2009, to 160 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release. **Latisha Stokes**, 28, of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, pled guilty to Count Two of the Indictment, Accessory After the Fact, on May 4, 2009. On August 18, 2009, Stokes was sentenced to 5 years probation.

McKinley Shondell Jones, 30, of Knightdale, North Carolina, was indicted on November 8, 2007. Jones pled guilty on February 4, 2008, to Possession with Intent to Distribute more than 50 grams of Cocaine Base (crack) and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime. A search warrant was executed at Jones' residence where 135 grams of crack, \$76,741 in U.S. Currency, and stolen firearms were recovered. Jones was sentenced on July 11, 2008, to 264 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

Moses Liran Davis, 35, of Smithfield, Johnston County, North Carolina, was indicted on November 20, 2007, and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute a Quantity of Cocaine Base (crack), a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1); Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922 (g)(1) ; and Use and Carry a Firearm During a Drug

Trafficking Crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). Davis was convicted by a Federal Jury on July 25, 2008, to all counts. Davis was sentenced on November 14, 2008, to 420 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

Stephon Montrell Hooker, 22, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, was indicted on December 3, 2008. Hooker pled guilty on May 4, 2009, to Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. On July 10, 2008, Raleigh Police officers responded to an armed robbery. The victim was carrying groceries from the car to the residence when he was approached by Hooker and a juvenile. Hooker and his companion demanded money from the victim displaying a shotgun and a small silver pistol. During the course of the robbery, the victim received two butt strokes from the shotgun to the head. Law enforcement responded to the incident. Approximately a mile from the armed robbery, officers noticed two individuals walking who matched the description of the robbers. The individuals were stopped and searched. Hooker was carrying a black cloth bag. After the search of Hooker, the officer picked up the bag and felt what he thought to be a small firearm. At that time, Hooker took off running. Inside the bag, officers found a silver Davis .389 caliber pistol. The juvenile was arrested. Hooker was arrested at his residence. On October 15, 2009, Hooker was sentenced to 87 months incarceration and 3 years supervised release.

Marvin Earl Daniels, 38, of Rocky Mount, Nash County, North Carolina, was a passenger in a car on May 10, 2007, and was recognized by a Rocky Mount Police Officer as having an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Daniels was arrested, and a search of the vehicle revealed a .38 caliber firearm located under his seat. Daniels admitted to possessing the firearm. On September 10, 2009, Daniels was sentenced to 158 months incarceration and 5 years of supervised release for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. **Duran Jeffrey Ward**, 39, of Mt. Olive, Wayne County, North Carolina, was indicted on March 18, 2009. On May 18, 2009, Ward pled guilty to Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. On July 28, 2008, officers responded to a domestic disturbance call at a residence who stated that Ward was armed with a sawed-off shotgun. Ward was observed with the shotgun and ordered to drop the weapon. On September 24, 2009, Ward was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and 5 years supervised release.

Don Christopher Hawes, 28, of Bladenboro, Bladen County, North Carolina, pled guilty to a Criminal Information on March 16, 2009. On December 9, 2008, a North Carolina Highway Patrolman attempted to perform a traffic stop on Hawes. Hawes sped away but was later stopped at a roadblock. A search of the vehicle following Hawes' arrest uncovered stolen firearms from an earlier residential break in. During the arrest, Hawes stated that he was planning on either

shooting the trooper or himself. On June 9, 2009, Hawes was sentenced to 188 months imprisonment, a fine in the amount of \$3,000.00, and 5 years of supervised release.

Eric Jevonne Bennett, 31, of Clinton, Sampson County, North Carolina, was indicted on December 30, 2009. On April 6, 2009, Bennett pled guilty to Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of a Stolen Firearm. On June 18, 2008, a male resident of Wallace, North Carolina, discovered Bennett breaking into his family's residence in Wallace, North Carolina. Bennett fled the scene in a stolen van with property belonging to the resident that included four shotguns. Duplin County Sheriff's deputies intercepted Bennett's vehicle and initiated a high speed pursuit. Bennett wrecked the van and fled on foot where he was apprehended. On July 14, 2009, Bennett was sentenced to 360 months imprisonment, and 5 years supervised release.

Jamar Leon Pressey, 26, of Lumberton, North Carolina, was charged by Criminal Indictment on April 16, 2009. On July 6, 2009, Pressey pled guilty to conspiring to distribute a quantity of cocaine powder and unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was sentenced on November 10, 2009, to 164 months' imprisonment followed by three years supervised release.

Sayfried Sinclair, 33, of Lumberton, North Carolina, was Indicted on December 18, 2008, charging armed bank robbery. On

June 15, 2009, he pled guilty.

On October 3, 2008, after waiting in line at the First South Bank in Lumberton, North Carolina, Sinclair walked up to the teller, and pointing a semi-automatic handgun, demanded, "Give me all you have." Complying with the demand, the teller gave Sinclair approximately \$2,093 in cash along with bait Money. Sinclair fled the bank leaving behind an envelope. Following information obtained from the contents of the envelope and from the surveillance video, law enforcement traced Sinclair to the robbery. On October 22, 2009, Sinclair was sentenced to 188 months' imprisonment.

HOBBS ACT CONSPIRACY

Bryant William Reed, 30, of Wilson, Wilson County, North Carolina, pled guilty to a three count Criminal Information on June 15, 2009. Reed and another person conspired to rob Ali's Convenient Mart, located at 100 South Pender Street in Wilson, North Carolina. On August 10, 2007, Bryant William Reed and another person entered Ali's Convenient Mart wearing sunglasses and cased the store for a robbery. On the same day, they returned and robbed the Mart at gunpoint. They fled in the same vehicle and split the proceeds of the robbery. On June 15, 2009, Reed, a convicted felon, pled guilty to robbing Ali's Convenient Mart and Using and Carrying a Firearm during a Crime of Violence. Reed was sentenced to 260 months imprisonment and 5 years supervised

release.

CAREER OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 221 MONTHS

Shelley Dunn, Jr., 34, of Maxton, Robeson County, North Carolina, was indicted on April 8, 2009. On June 29, 2009, Dunn pled guilty to Conspiring to Distribute and Possess with the Intent to Distribute more than 5 grams of cocaine base (crack), and Use and Carry a Firearm with Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime. Because of Dunn's substantial criminal history, the Court determined that he was a Career Offender and enhanced his sentence. Law Enforcement arranged a controlled buy to purchase crack cocaine from Dunn, and a traffic stop was performed after the buy. On October 21, 2009, Dunn was sentenced to 221 months imprisonment and 5 years supervised release.

CAREER OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 324 MONTHS

Glenn Barry McDougald, 43, of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina, was indicted on September 4, 2008 . On March 10, 2008, McDougald, a convicted felon, with at least three prior violent felonies and serious drug offenses, did take a firearm from a patrol car belonging to the Bladen County Sheriff's Office. On May 20, 2009, McDougald was sentenced to 324 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

GANG MEMBER SENTENCED

Dennis Morris Perscell, 24, of Knightdale, North Carolina, was indicted on September 18, 2008. Perscell pled guilty on November

24, 2008, to Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Possession of a Firearm where the Serial Number had been Removed, Obliterated, or Altered. Perscell was sentenced on February 23, 2009, to 110 months imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, and no gang activity while under supervision.

FOUR PLEAD GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO ROBBERIES

_____ Ahmad Lee Banks, 20; Daryl Albert Mpongo, 22; Ronnie Donte Rand, 21; and Joshua Forrest Wagner, 20, all of Raleigh, North Carolina, began their robbery spree at the Kangaroo Gas Station located on Pleasant Valley Road in Raleigh. They continued their spree by robbing the 612 convenience store on Avent Ferry Road in Raleigh, the Krogers Grocery Store on Creedmoor Road, and the McDonald's Restaurant on Six Forks Road. During each of these robberies, a gun was brandished. **Banks, Mpongo and Rand** pled guilty on January 5, 2009, to aiding and abetting the use of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c). Additionally, **Rand, Banks, and Wagner** pled to conspiring to commit Hobbs Act robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951. **Rand** was sentenced on April 10, 2009, to 207 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release. On July 10, 2009, **Banks** was sentenced to 207 months imprisonment and restitution imposed in the amount of \$3,248.00; **Wagner** received 171 months imprisonment and restitution imposed in the amount of \$3,164.00; and **Mpongo** received 84 months imprisonment

and imposed restitution in the amount of \$2,600.00, for aiding and abetting the use of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence.

PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY

_____ **Derrick Lamont Massenburg**, 26, of Hollister, Halifax County, North Carolina, and **Charles David Cain**, 43, of Raleigh, North Carolina, were lawfully confined at Cavalcorp Community Sanction Center, in Raleigh, North Carolina, a contract facility used by the Federal Bureau of Prisons to house federal inmates who are close to being released from federal custody. Massenburg's projected release date from federal custody was January 18, 2008. Cain's projected release date was March 7, 2008. On December 10, 2007, both prisoners signed out and failed to return to the institution. Later that day, Massenburg and Cain donned disguises and brandishing a handgun and carrying handbags, they entered the RBC Centura Bank, located at 11861 U.S. Highway 70 West, in Clayton, North Carolina, and forced the tellers to place stacks of bills, approximately \$4,400, from their registers into the handbags. On November 12, 2008, Cain pled guilty to Conspiracy, Robbing the Bank by Use of a Dangerous Weapon, and Escaping from a Federal Facility. On November 17, 2008, Massenburg pled guilty to conspiracy, robbing the bank by use of a dangerous weapon, and escaping from a federal facility. On February 8, 2009, Massenburg was sentenced to 363 months imprisonment and 5 years supervised release. Cain was sentenced to 300 months imprisonment and 5 years supervised release.

SENTENCED

Richard Lee Adams, 20, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was indicted on January 2, 2008, in an eight count indictment involving multiple armed robberies. Adams pled guilty on May 4, 2009, to Robbery of a Business in Interstate Commerce and Aiding and Abetting; Using and Carrying a Firearm during a Federal Crime of Violence; and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. On November 4, 2007, Adams robbed the Bell Tower Mart, located at 2100 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh. He entered the store wearing a black Hoodie, brandishing a firearm and saying, "give me the money, give me the money." Initially, the clerk thought the suspect was joking until he fired off a round. On October 23, 2009, Adams was sentenced to 240 months and 5 years supervised release.

SENTENCINGS OF RALEIGH GANG-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Darryl Lee Webster, a/k/a "Web," 34, of Raleigh, North Carolina, pled guilty on June 16, 2009, to a Criminal Information filed on May 27, 2008. Webster was sentenced to 120 months for possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine base (crack).

Cordaro Bunch, a/k/a "Cord," 22, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was indicted on June 4, 2008, and pled guilty on August 18, 2008, to conspiring to distribute and possessing with the intent to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine base (crack) and a quantity of cocaine. Bunch was sentenced on November 19, 2008, to 276 months

imprisonment.

Lawrence Andrew Blackmon, a/k/a "Ace," 32, of Wake Forest, North Carolina, was indicted on July 17, 2008, and on February 23, 2009, pled guilty to possession with the intent to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine base (crack). Blackmon was sentenced on June 10, 2009, to 198 months imprisonment.

Dion Lamanze Johnson, a/k/a "Black," 31, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was indicted on August 21, 2008, and pled guilty on November 12, 2008 to conspiring to distribute and possessing with the intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine and 50 grams or more of cocaine base (crack). Johnson was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment.

Robin Ann Bunch, 43, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was charged by Criminal Information on March 12, 2009, and pled guilty on July 7, 2009, to possession with intent to distribute more than five grams of cocaine base (crack). Bunch was sentenced on October 14, 2009, to 120 months imprisonment.

GUILTY PLEA - AWAITING SENTENCE

Travis Neal Jackson, 19, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was indicted on January 15, 2009. On November 25, 2008, Jackson, a Blood gang member, and his co-conspirator robbed two convenience stores. During both robberies, firearms were brandished. Jackson pled guilty on April 7, 2009, to Conspiracy to Commit Robbery

Affecting Interstate Commerce and to Using and Carrying a Firearm during and in Relation to a Crime of Violence. Jackson is scheduled to be sentenced on December 7, 2009, and faces a maximum 20 years imprisonment.

_____ **James Lamont Marshall**, 35, was indicted on March 26, 2008. On October 14, 2005, the Powder Keg, a Federal Firearms Dealer was broken into through a hole that was cut in the roof. A pole was used to brake the glass and two firearms were stolen. The fingerprints lifted off the tin of the roof belonged to Marshall. On September 10, 2009, Marshall pled guilty to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Marshall is scheduled to be sentenced on December 7, 2009.

ILLEGAL MOONSHINE IN CAMDEN COUNTY

_____ **John Dawson Pierce**, 61, of Camden County, North Carolina, was charged in a five-count indictment on May 27, 2009, for Operation and Possession of an Unregistered Still without a License, Production of Distilled Spirits, Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering Enterprise and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. The investigation revealed that between June 2005 and August 2007, Pierce purchased over 21,000 pounds of sugar, a key ingredient in the manufacturing of moonshine. In July 2007, it was learned that Pierce was manufacturing illegal moonshine on a small undeveloped island in the middle of the Pasquotank River in Camden County. On August 21, 2008, agents conducted a traffic stop

on one of Pierce's customers. A search of the vehicle revealed 30 gallons of moonshine in the trunk. On November 17, 2008, a search warrant was executed and agents seized 4 firearms and 15 gallons of moonshine. On August 3, 2009, Pierce pled guilty to Operating a Liquor Still without a License and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Pierce is scheduled to be sentenced on January 4, 2010.

HOME INVASION CONSPIRACY/ROBBERIES

_____ **Anthony T. Russell**, 23; **Brandon M. Jones**, 20; **Ashley L. Bost**, 20; **Anthony Hassan Russell**, 24; **Ivan Correa, Jr.**, 21; and **Alexander E. Oxley**, while armed with firearms, conspired together and robbed and invaded residences where they believed drugs were stored throughout Raleigh, while holding adults and children at gunpoint.

_____ **Anthony Hassan Russell**, of West Palm Beach, Florida; **Ivan Correa, Jr.**, of Lake Worth, Florida; and **Alexander Eugene Oxley**, of West Palm Beach, Florida, traveled from West Palm Beach, Florida to Raleigh, North Carolina.

Anthony H. Russell was indicted on January 23, 2008, and pled guilty on May 6, 2008, to Conspiring to Possess with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances and the Use and Carrying of a Firearm in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime. Russell was sentenced on June 10, 2009, to 132 months imprisonment and 3 years Supervised Release.

Correa pled guilty to a Superseding Criminal Information on April 7, 2008, to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute

Controlled Substances, Using and Carrying a Firearm during and In Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime and Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Convicted Felon. Correa was sentenced on July 9, 2009, to 144 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

Oxley was indicted on February 20, 2008. Oxley pled guilty on July 7, 2008, to Conspiring to Possess with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and the Use and Carrying of a Firearm in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime. Oxley was sentenced on May 5, 2009, to 156 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

_____ **Anthony T. Russell, Brandon M. Jones, and Ashley L. Bost**, of Raleigh, North Carolina, were indicted on April 17, 2008, to Conspiring and Attempting to Possess with the Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances, Using and Carrying Firearms during and in Relation to Drug Trafficking Crimes, and Aiding in Abetting. Russell was also charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Russell and Bost are awaiting sentencing.

Jones, a validated gang member, is also charged with Possession With Intent to Distribute More than 50 grams of crack cocaine. Jones was sentenced on July 9, 2009, to 35 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.

MULTI-DEFENDANT ROBBERY SPREE

Kendricus Marquell Williams, 21, of Raleigh, North Carolina, **Daniel Antonio Sanders**, 28, of Wendell, North Carolina, and **Jesse**

Lee Bundy, 20, of Raleigh, North Carolina, were indicted on June 11, 2008, and charged in a 20 count indictment involving a string of robberies occurring between January 2008 through March 2008.

Sanders pled guilty on September 8, 2008, to Accessory to Hobbs Act Robbery. Sanders was sentenced on December 10, 2008, to 63 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.

Bundy pled guilty on September 8, 2008, to robbing Quality Food Mart, located at 2206 South Main Street, in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Bundy was sentenced on July 9, 2009, to 35 months' imprisonment.

JUDGE SENTENCES CAREER CRIMINAL TO 2,719 MONTHS

Kendricus Marquell Williams was found guilty on all counts by a Federal jury in Raleigh, North Carolina, on May 8, 2009. On February 29, 2008, Williams entered the Quality Mart on South Main Street in Wake Forest armed with a firearm. During the robbery, Williams shot a victim in the abdomen. Williams continued his robbery spree, hitting convenience stores in the Raleigh area. On March 11, 2008, Williams robbed the Han-Dee Hugo's on Buffalo Road, in Raleigh, pointed a gun at the victim's head, pulled back the hammer, and said "Give me the money or I'll blow your 'expletive' brains out." Williams is an armed career criminal and was convicted on May 8, 2009, in Federal Court of 9 armed robberies and carrying a firearm during these robberies. Kendricus Williams was sentenced on August 27, 2009, to 2,719 months imprisonment, \$1,900

special assessment, \$25,000 fine, and ordered to pay \$4,456.51 in restitution.

LOCAL MERCHANTS ROBBED BY MASKED ROBBERS

_____ **Samuel Keith Kerr, II, 22; Raphael Davonne Powell, 24; and David Michael Wesley, Jr., 19,** of Raleigh, North Carolina, conspired to commit Hobbs Act Robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, while in possession of firearms, in furtherance of a crime of violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924 (c) (1) (A) (1), robbed a Rite Aid Store, the Stop One Market, the Lighthouse Food Mart, and the Tienda Todo Guerrerense Mexican restaurant located in Raleigh, North Carolina, between July 5, 2008 and July 9, 2008. The defendants would enter the store with bandanas over their faces and long-sleeved hooded sweatshirts and armed with a .380 handgun.

Kerr was charged in a Criminal Information on October 8, 2008. Kerr pled guilty on December 8, 2008, to Conspiracy to Commit Hobbs Act Robbery, and to Aiding and Abetting the Use of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence. Kerr admitted that he and his co-conspirators robbed over 30 individuals. Kerr was sentenced on March 31, 2009, to 360 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

Powell and **Wesley** were charged in a Superseding Indictment on December 3, 2008, to Conspiracy to Robbing several convenience stores and a Mexican restaurant, and in Possession of a Firearm in

Furtherance of a Crime of Violence. Powell was sentenced on July 15, 2009, to 457 months imprisonment, Special Assessment of \$300, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,879.10. Wesley was sentenced on July 15, 2009, to 385 months imprisonment, \$300 special assessment, and ordered to pay restitution, in the amount of \$1,879.10.

MULTI-DEFENDANT ROBBERIES

Simon Perez Faison, 23, of Erwin, Harnett County, North Carolina and **Marcus Robert Williams**, 22, Angier, Harnett County, North Carolina, were indicted on September 5, 2007, for a robbery they conducted at the Community Mart located at 10128 Old Stage Road. Faison pointed a rifle at the clerk while Williams grabbed the money. Davis operated the getaway car. The group was stopped by the Highway Patrol after the robbery. Williams fled the scene but was later captured .

Faison pled guilty to Robbery of a Business in Interstate Commerce and Use of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence, and Aiding and Abetting. Faison was sentenced on March 6, 2008, to 121 months imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release, and ordered to pay a \$4,000.00 fine.

Williams pled guilty on June 3, 2008, to Robbery of a Business in Interstate Commerce (Hobbs Act) and Brandishing a Firearm during a federal violent felony. Williams was sentenced on November 4, 2008, to 262 months imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release, and

to pay restitution in the amount of \$790.

Thomas Matthew Davis, 20, of Dunn, Harnett County, North Carolina, was charged in a Criminal Information on January 30, 2008. On March 5, 2008, Davis pled guilty to a misprision of a felony, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 4. Davis was sentenced on June 9, 2008, to 11 months imprisonment.

CONSPIRACY INVOLVING ILLEGAL ALIENS

Juan Miguel Garcia-Soto, 27, of Bronx, New York, **Jesus Ayala Barrera**, 25, **Erickson Dominguez-Gonzalez**, 26, of Warsaw, Duplin County, North Carolina, and **Santiago Manuel Candelardo**, 24, illegal aliens from the Dominican Republic or Mexico who were indicted on December 3, 2008, and between April 29, 2008, and continuing to on or about May 1, 2008, were charged with knowingly and intentionally to combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with each other, and with **Edwin Cruz**, 30, of New York City, New York, and other persons, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to Possession with Intent to Distribute More than Five Kilograms of Cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, and to being aliens who were illegally and unlawfully in the United States, did knowingly possess firearms, in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, and in and affecting commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(5) and 924.

The group had been under investigation by Raleigh Police Department (RPD), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the

State Department for robberies targeting Hispanic drug dealers. Five other individual associated with the mostly Dominican group have already been charged and convicted of aggravated identity theft.

Juan Miguel Garcia-Soto and **Jesus Ayala Barrera** pled guilty on April 6, 2009, to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute More than Five Kilograms of Cocaine, and to Using and Carrying a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime, and Garcia-Soto was sentenced on September 8, 2009, to 300 months imprisonment, 5 years supervised release and a fine of \$11,500. Barrera was sentenced on September 9, 2009, to 153 months imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release, and a fine of \$5,000.

Erickson Dominguez-Gonzalez pled guilty on March 9, 2009, to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute More than Five Kilograms of Cocaine, and to Using and Carrying a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime. Dominguez-Gonzalez was sentenced on July 13, 2009, to 164 months imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release and a fine of \$5,800.

Santiago Manuel Candelardo was charged in a Superseding Criminal Information filed on March 5, 2009, that between April 29, 2008 and May 1, 2008, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with Edwin Cruz and with other persons, known and unknown, to Possession with Intent to Distribute More than Five Kilograms of Cocaine, in violation of Title 21,

United States Code, Section 846, and to Using and Carrying a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime, in violation of Sections 924(c)(1)(A) and 2. On June 1, 2009, Candelardo was sentenced to 144 months imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release, and a \$5,000 fine. Cruz was sentenced on July 13, 2009, to 120 months' imprisonment.

RALEIGH GANG-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Quentin Robert Braswell, a/k/a "Q," 22, and **James John Williams**, a/k/a "Shy," age 22, were charged by Superseding Indictment on September 11, 2009. On November 4, 2009, both defendants pled guilty. Braswell pled to aiding and abetting the distribution of five or more grams of cocaine base, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A). Williams pled to two counts of aiding and abetting the distribution of five or more grams of cocaine base. Sentencing for both defendants is set for February 2, 2010.

Jeremy Arsenio Smith, a/k/a "Japelli," 22, was indicted on November 16, 2008, and on May 4, 2009, pled guilty to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The case is pending.

Antonio Maurice Bagley, a/k/a "Touch," 24, and **Cojuan Devon**

Boyd, a/k/a "Lil Black," 20, were indicted July 9, 2009. Bagley and Boyd pled guilty on September 8, 2009, and October 6, 2009, respectively, to aiding and abetting the distribution of 50 grams or more of cocaine base. Sentencing is set for December 7, 2009.

Lorenzo Rudy Wilder, a/k/a "Dolo," 25, was indicted on July 9, 2009 and pled guilty on September 9, 2009, to distribution of 50 grams or more of cocaine base. Sentencing is set for December 7, 2009.

Dushaun Joseph Utley, a/k/a "Sun Sun," 29, and **Donte Montrell Jones**, a/k/a "Hot Boy," 21, were indicted on September 11, 2009. Jones pled guilty on November 3, 2009, to conspiring to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and 50 grams or more of cocaine base (crack) in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. Utley is set for arraignment on December 7, 2009.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

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