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## **“Raging Waters” Defendant Pleads Guilty to Drug Offense**

**Savannah, Ga..** Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that Michael Jamaal Ferguson, age 22, of Savannah, Georgia has entered a guilty plea to possession with intent to distribute cocaine in U.S. District Court in Savannah, Georgia before U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield. Ferguson is the brother of James “Murdock” Ferguson, a former star basketball player at Savannah High School in the late 1990's, who was shot and killed on January 2, 2007. The cocaine charge arose from the execution of a search warrant at Ferguson’s apartment unit in Hitch Village in Savannah on February 23, 2007. Booth commented that this prosecution is part of the “Raging Waters” investigation into gun and drug violence in Savannah.

Booth noted that Ferguson will be sentenced following the completion of a presentence investigation and report. He is facing a term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years and not more than 40 years, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000 fine. Ferguson remains in custody.

The “Raging Waters” investigation of drug and gun violence in Savannah is being conducted by the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Karl Knoche.

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