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## **KATRINA EVACUEE SENTENCED FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

(BEAUMONT, TX) United States Attorney John L. Ratcliffe announced today that a 29-year-old Port Sulphur, Louisiana man has been sentenced to 60 months in federal prison for drug violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

**MOLTEN CLEMON SMITH, JR.**, pleaded guilty on November 30, 2007 to possessing with the intent to distribute cocaine and was sentenced today by United States District Judge Ron Clark.

According to information presented in court, on April 15, 2006, Smith was stopped by an officer with the Beaumont Police Department on Interstate-10 in Jefferson County for a routine traffic violation. A search of Smith's vehicle revealed a handgun and one kilogram of cocaine hidden inside the vehicle. Smith told the officer he was a Hurricane Katrina evacuee currently living in Austin and planned to sell the drugs in New Orleans. Smith was indicted by a federal grand jury on February 21, 2007.

This case was investigated by the Beaumont Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall L. Fluke.

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