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## **PADUCAH DRUG DEALERS INDICTED**

*– An armed career criminal, 3 prior felonies*

PADUCAH, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Keith Taylor**, a/k/a Allison Taylor, age 40, 223 Berger Road, and **Deonna Donelson**, age 30, 2270 Olivet Church Road, both from Paducah, Kentucky, McCracken County, on charges of Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Marijuana, and Heroin. Taylor and Donelson were also charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Cocaine and Heroin. In addition to the above charges, Taylor was charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack and Cocaine and being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm and an Armed Career Criminal, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

In the event of a conviction, the combined maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$5,250,000 fine, and supervised release for life. Taylor faces a combined mandatory minimum of 20 years in prison because he is an Armed Career Criminal: he has three prior violent felony convictions from Chicago (Cook County), Illinois: in 1991, he was convicted of the felony charge of armed violence, and in 1992, he was twice convicted of armed

robbery.

The Indictment alleges that on February 8, 2008, Taylor and Donelson possessed with the intent to distribute over 300 grams of cocaine, 3.1 grams of heroin, and over 300 grams of marijuana. ATF agents, in conjunction with officers from the Paducah Police Department, found these drugs while they executed a search warrant at Taylor and Donelson's residences. Two firearms were also found during the search – a Berretta, Model 950B, .22 caliber and a Browning Arms, .22 caliber. Prior to the search, in December of 2007, agents and police officers observed Taylor sell approximately 11 grams of crack cocaine to another person. In February of 2008, agents and police officers observed Taylor sell approximately 14 grams of cocaine to another person. The street value of the drugs seized from Taylor and Donelson is approximately \$35,000.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amy M. Sullivan. The Paducah Field Office of the ATF conducted the investigation in partnership with the Paducah Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Taylor and Donelson are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on May 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., in Paducah, Kentucky.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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**The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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