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In matters prosecuted by the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia:

**NORTH CAROLINA MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES AND OF
RETALIATING AGAINST A FEDERAL WITNESS**

Beckley, WV – **Orlando Dailey, 48, of North Carolina**, was convicted by a federal jury following a two-day trial. The jury found Dailey guilty of all three counts of the superseding indictment charging him with two counts of aiding and abetting the possession with intent to distribute controlled substances and one count of retaliating against a government informant.

A confidential informant working with the Tri-Lateral Drug Enforcement Network Team (TRIDENT) attempted to purchase drugs from Daily's brother, Marshall Daily, at his brother's home in Raleigh County. Orlando approached the informant and inquired if the informant was "wired." The brothers then ripped the informant's shirt off, discovered the wire, and brutally beat the informant.

Orlando Daily, who is scheduled to be sentenced on December 13, 2005, faces up to 35 years in prison and a \$1,500,000 fine. Marshall Daily was previously convicted and sentenced to 78 months imprisonment.

The US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives jointly conducted the investigation with TRIDENT. Chief United States District Judge David A. Faber presided over the trial.

Charleston, WV – **Donnell W. Edwards, 22, of Charleston, WV**, pled guilty before United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr. to being a felon in possession of a firearm and to distribution of cocaine base. Edwards pled guilty to an indictment charging him with possession of a .38 Special firearm near Charleston, WV in June 2003. Edwards was prohibited from possessing the firearm by virtue of his 2002 felony wanton endangerment conviction in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, WV. Edwards also entered a guilty plea to a one-count information charging him with distribution of crack cocaine in May 2005 in the Charleston area.

Edwards faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1.25 million fine when he is sentenced on December 13, 2005.

The Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT) conducted the investigation.

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