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## **RANDOLPH COUNTY DRUG TRAFFICKER PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA** - Tyrone Nunn, age 37, of Woodland, Alabama, pled guilty in United States District Court in Opelika, Alabama, on February 25, 2009, to two federal drug trafficking charges announced Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney.

Nunn entered a guilty plea after a jury trial had begun in his case, but before the parties had finished presenting evidence. Nunn pled guilty to one count of possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute on December 28, 2006, in Wedowee, Alabama. He also pled guilty to one count of distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine on October 17, 2007. The distribution occurred in Randolph County, Alabama, and Carroll County, Georgia. As part of an agreement to plead guilty, a conspiracy charge was dismissed against Nunn and another defendant.

U. S. Attorney Canary said, "The conviction of Tyrone Nunn will keep another drug trafficker off of our streets and out of our community. This prosecution was the result of the hard work and cooperation of several different law enforcement agencies in

different jurisdictions working together for the common purpose of fighting the illegal drug trade."

Nunn now faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. There is no parole in the federal prison system. In addition, he is subject to a fine up to \$4,000,000 and must serve at least 8 years of supervised release under the supervision of a federal probation officer after any incarceration ends. Sentencing is scheduled for May 22, 2009.

The case was investigated as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Middle District of Alabama's Alabama ICE (Isolating the Criminal Element) programs, and involved cooperation from several local, state, and federal agencies in Alabama and Georgia. This case was investigated through the joint efforts of the Wedowee Police Department, the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, the Randolph County District Attorney's Office, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's West Metro Regional Drug Enforcement Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF"). The case was prosecuted in the Middle District of Alabama by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Shepherd.