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## **KISSIMMEE CRACK DEALER FACING MANDATORY LIFE IMPRISONMENT AFTER CONVICTION ON FEDERAL DRUG AND FIREARM CHARGES**

Orlando, Florida - A jury in U.S. District Court, late Tuesday, found NATHANIEL GREEN (age 29, of Kissimmee) guilty of possessing 50 grams or more of "crack" cocaine with the intent to distribute it and possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony. Green faces a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment on the drug charge and a minimum mandatory sentence of 15 years on the firearms charge. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 22, 2009, before the Honorable Gregory A. Presnell, United States District Judge.

According to the facts presented at trial, in July 2008, Green sold three ounces of "crack" cocaine to a confidential informant who was working in cooperation with state and federal law enforcement officers. On October 31, 2008, Green sold a loaded Russian assault rifle to the same informant. Both crimes were video taped by law enforcement.

This case was the culmination of a joint investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Kissimmee Police Department, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, the City of Orlando Police Department, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). Operation "Kissimmee Crackdown" targeted violent crime, as well as illegal drug and firearms trafficking, in the McLaren Circle area of Kissimmee, Florida. To date, approximately 60 state and federal arrests have been made as a part of the operation.

It case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys J. Bishop Ravenel and I. Randall Gold.