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TAMPA BLOOD GANG MEMBERS SENTENCED FOR MURDER-FOR-HIRE SCHEME AND ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL CHARGE

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich today sentenced Caleb Michael Charles (age 20) to 15 years and 8 months in federal prison, Jamar Black (age 24) to 10 years in federal prison, and Rashawn Eugene Adams (age 21) to 10 years in federal prison, all for using interstate commerce in the commission of murder-for-hire. The court also sentenced Niheeme Anderson (age 37) to 15 years in federal prison for possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony - - Anderson was sentenced to a mandatory 15-year term because he was an armed career criminal, having previously been convicted of attempted assault, conspiracy to distribute cocaine, attempted robbery, assault, attempted murder, and delivery of cocaine. All of the defendants were members of the Blood street gang. They pleaded guilty to their offenses on March 31, 2009, and April 1, 2009.

According to court documents, the defendants were involved in a scheme to hire an individual to kill two rival gang members of the Town & Country Boys.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Tampa Police Department Gang Suppression Unit, and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey S. Downing.