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**DRUG DEALER'S JACKSONVILLE BODYGUARD**  
**SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 15 YEARS**

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced that United States District Judge Marcia Morales Howard yesterday sentenced Jesse Braclet (age 49, of Jacksonville) to 15 years and 8 months in federal prison for distributing cocaine while armed.

According to court records, Braclet acted as a bodyguard by holding a firearm while a co-defendant sold cocaine to an undercover officer with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Braclet has two prior convictions for dealing drugs. Braclet was recently released from state prison in 2007 after serving 18 months for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

This case was investigated jointly by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Talbot.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction initiative strongly supported by ATF. United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials. The program's objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders.

