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JURY FINDS MARK MYRIE, A/K/A BUJU BANTON GUILTY

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that a federal jury in the trial of reggae artist Mark Myrie a/k/a Buju Banton found him guilty of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute five or more kilograms of cocaine, possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and aiding and abetting the use of a communication facility during a drug trafficking crime. Mark Myrie faces a minimum of 15 years up to a maximum of life in federal prison.

According to court documents, during the investigation, Myrie introduced a co-conspirator to a confidential source which resulted in the undercover sale of five kilograms of cocaine for \$135,000.00. A second co-conspirator brought a loaded firearm to the final transaction.

This case were investigated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the Sarasota Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James C. Preston, Jr.