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CONVICTED FELON FACING LIFE IN PRISON FOR CRACK AND FIREARMS CHARGES

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that a federal jury on Monday found Antonio Deon Bizzell (28, Daytona Beach), guilty of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and distribution of crack cocaine, possession with the intent to distribute and distribution of crack cocaine, carrying a firearm while drug trafficking and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Bizzell faces a mandatory minimum of 65 years and up to a maximum penalty of life in federal prison. His sentencing hearing has not been scheduled yet.

Bizzell was indicted in June 2010.

According to testimony and evidence presented at trial, on three separate occasions, Bizzell sold a Colt Python .357 magnum, a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and a Jimenez, Model J.A. Nine 9 mm pistol, along with varying amounts of crack cocaine to an undercover agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Bizzell testified at trial, admitting to selling the crack cocaine and firearms. He also admitted to being a convicted felon at the time he sold the firearms.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, as part of Operation 819, with the Daytona Beach Police Department. Operation 819 targeted individuals who were dealing in firearms and narcotics within

the city limits of Daytona Beach. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tanya Davis Wilson.

It is another case prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction strategy led by ATF. United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent-in-Charge, ATF, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida, in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.