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MANSFIELD DRUG DEALER CONVICTED ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

Shreveport, Louisiana. . . A Mansfield resident faces a lengthy prison sentence after a federal jury returned a guilty verdict on drugs and firearm charges. Travis C. Davis, 30, of Mansfield, Louisiana, was convicted by a federal jury of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, and possession with intent to distribute ecstasy, Acting United States Attorney William J. Flanagan announced today. U. S. District Judge Donald Walter presided at the trial.

According to court testimony, on August 5, 2009, the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant of the Mansfield residence. A loaded .40 caliber pistol was found along with ammunition loaded in magazines, ten baggies of crack cocaine weighing a total of 98 grams, 28 yellow methamphetamine tablets, commonly known as ecstasy, and four electronic scales. The residence was equipped with video surveillance monitors.

Davis is scheduled for sentencing on July 8, 2010. He faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years in prison, a maximum sentence of life, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide program begun in 2001 and was designed to reduce violence in our communities by aggressively using existing federal firearms laws. This case was investigated by the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office and the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Shreveport Field Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorneys Nicole O. Snyder and Joseph G. Jarzabek.

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