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Defendant: Kevin Smith

ARMED CRACK DEALER SENTENCED TO 262 MONTHS PRISON

Kevin Smith, 41, of Detroit, was sentenced today to 262 months in prison on felony drug trafficking charges, United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced.

Joining in the announcement was Special Agent in Charge Thomas E. Brandon, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Smith was sentenced by United States District Judge Paul D. Borman after pleading guilty in July 2009 to possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine base (crack cocaine) and possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of powder cocaine.

The charges arose following an investigation and execution of a search warrant at a house on Pinehurst street in Detroit by ATF agents in December 2006. During the execution of the search warrant, agents recovered approximately 282 grams of crack cocaine and approximately 682 grams of powder cocaine, along with four loaded firearms and various

narcotics packaging and paraphernalia.

Prior to this arrest and conviction, Smith had been convicted of two felony drug offenses, carrying a concealed weapon, armed robbery and attempted criminal sexual conduct in the third degree. In the latter offense, Smith forced a woman to have sex against her will at gunpoint.

United States Attorney Berg said, "Today's lengthy sentence of this armed drug dealer shows the high price that will be paid by those who continue to traffic in narcotics after multiple prior convictions for drug dealing and gun violence."

Special Agent in Charge Brandon said, "As we know illegal drugs and guns go hand in hand and are a threat to the safety of our citizens and to our law enforcement officers. This sentence highlights our effort to remove armed drug dealers from our streets. We are dedicated to reducing violent crime and this case highlights a repetitive problem of illegal narcotics traffickers willing to use and carry firearms to commit crimes and protect their drug proceeds."

The case was investigated by special agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Erin Shaw.