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## **Brothers sentenced for distributing cocaine, crack cocaine**

A pair of brothers were sentenced yesterday in federal court for distributing cocaine base, commonly known as crack cocaine, in the Twin Cities.

On Jan. 13 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge John Tunheim sentenced Antwoyn Terrell Spencer, 28, Brooklyn Park, to 324 months in prison and 10 years supervised release on one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine, one count of attempted possession with intent to distribute cocaine and one count of money laundering.

Tunheim also sentenced Derrick Jerome Spencer, 27, Maplewood, to 292 months in prison and 10 years supervised release on one count of conspiracy and two counts of distribution of cocaine. Both men were indicted on May 21, 2007, and were convicted on Sept. 18, 2007.

According to court documents, both men conspired with each other and others to distribute 5 or more kilograms of cocaine and 50 or more grams of crack cocaine from 1998 through May 21, 2007. Derrick Spencer was found guilty of distributing approximately 9 ounces of cocaine on April 26, 2006, as well as approximately 13.5 ounces of cocaine on May 9, 2006.

Antwoyn Spencer was found guilty of money laundering based on his use of \$22,900 in drug money to make a down payment on a piece of real estate. He created false documents and ran money through the bank account of another person in order to conceal the nature and source of the money.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bloomington Police Department and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys William J. Otteson and Jeffrey S. Paulsen.