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### NEWS RELEASE

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ANDREW T. BAXTER, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announces that **Jamall Kelly, (age 22)** of Syracuse, New York, pled guilty today in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to possessing with intent to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine. The charge stemmed from his association with gangs on the east side of the City of Syracuse.

As part of his plea, **Kelly** admitted that on July 31, 2008, he attempted to flee on foot from Syracuse Police officers who had attempted to conduct a routine traffic stop of the 1999 Chevrolet Venture van he was driving. **Kelly** was eventually apprehended in front of a residence on Ashworth Place in Syracuse, at which time they recovered \$785 from him. After retracing **Kelly's** path of flight, they were able to recover a black handgun - a Hi-Point, Model C9, 9mm pistol, serial number P1226142 (made in the State of Ohio). Upon searching the van **Kelly** fled from, the officers recovered 12.727 grams of cocaine base (crack) from the driver's side door. At the time he fled, **Kelly** was the sole occupant of the van.

**Kelly** is scheduled to be sentenced in May 2009. At that time he faces at least ten years and up to life imprisonment, at least 5 years of supervised release following any period of incarceration and up to a \$4 million fine.

This prosecution is part of an investigation undertaken by the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force, which consists of members of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Syracuse Office); the Syracuse Police Department; the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department; the New York State Police; the U.S. Marshals Service; and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, with assistance from the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office.

Further questions can be directed to Assistant U.S. Attorney John M. Katko at (315) 448-0916.

