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GUILTY VERDICTS AGAINST MAJOR CRACK COCAINE TRAFFICKERS

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- Kevin Lamont Anderson, a/k/a "Cuda," 36, and Willie Grimes, a/k/a "Chill," 37, both of Rochester, New York, were convicted yesterday after a six-week jury trial of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base and quantities of cocaine. The jury also found defendant Anderson guilty of conspiracy to commit money laundering, and one count of maintaining a drug-involved premises. Both defendants face a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years in prison and a maximum penalty of life in prison, a fine of \$4,000,000.00, or both. The federal jury in Rochester also determined that defendant Anderson should forfeit \$1,000,000 to the United States that represented the amount of proceeds from the drug trafficking conspiracy.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Frank H. Sherman and Andy Rodriguez, who handled the case, stated that the defendants participated in a conspiracy to distribute crack and powder cocaine that existed from about 1990 until about December 2005. The evidence showed that, during the time period of the conspiracy, drugs were sold to customers from a series of houses in the northeast section of Rochester controlled by defendant Anderson. Prior to trial, other members of the drug trafficking conspiracy pled guilty to participation in the conspiracy, including defendant Anderson's brothers, David Anderson, a/k/a "Day Day," 25, Jeffrey Anderson, 23, and Kevin Louis Anderson, a/k/a "Glasses," 31, as well as associates Marlon Strong, a/k/a "Cash," 38, and Tremique Briggs, a/k/a "Trey Pound," 30. The evidence also showed that, from June 2003 until January 2005, Kevin Lamont Anderson paid over \$467,000 in cash to construct and furnish a house in Holley, New York. The money laundering conspiracy involved defendant Anderson having his grandmother, Juliet Anderson, 76, use the proceeds of his illegal activity to purchase the house in Holley in her name in order to conceal the true ownership of the proceeds of the unlawful activity. Juliet Anderson, who previously pled guilty to her knowing participation in this money

laundering conspiracy, has forfeited the house in Holley to the government and was sentenced to two years probation.

The convictions were the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Special Investigations Section of the Rochester Police Department and Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Sentencing is scheduled for defendant Grimes on Feb. 2, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. EST, and for defendant Anderson on Feb. 3, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. EST, in Rochester, N.Y., in front of U.S. District Judge Charles J. Siragusa.