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THIRD MAN CONVICTED IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER OF WEST VIRGINIA DRUG DEALER

COLUMBUS – A United States District Court jury here today convicted Elisha Lacy Dickens, age 29 of Pomeroy, of interstate travel to commit a crime resulting in death in connection with the fatal shooting of a West Virginia drug dealer.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division, announced the verdict returned today at the conclusion of a trial that began June 15 before U.S. District Judge Michael H. Watson.

The jury convicted Dickens of one count of interstate travel with intent to kill, and one count of interstate travel to commit a crime of violence in furtherance of unlawful activity. Each is punishable by up to life imprisonment. The jury also convicted him of three counts of possession of a firearm in a crime of violence, each punishable by ten years to life imprisonment, and one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment.

Dickens is the third person convicted in connection with the June 7, 2008 robbery and slaying of Christopher Roush in Clifton, West Virginia. A jury convicted Adam McClellan, 28, Zanesville on May 28, 2009. Michael Haynie, 48, Columbus pleaded guilty on January 5, 2009.

Testimony presented during the trial included evidence that Dickens arranged for McClellan and Haynie to rob the victim of cocaine and provided the gun used in the shooting.

Judge Watson will schedule a date for sentencing.

Lockhart commended the investigation by West Virginia State Police, Columbus Police detectives, and FBI agents, and Assistant U.S Attorneys Kevin Kelley and David DeVillers, who prosecuted the case.

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