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SPRINGFIELD MAN SENTENCED TO 137 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR GUN, DRUG CRIMES

DAYTON – Rodgerick Lamont McMahon, 26, of Springfield was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 137 months in prison for gun and drug crimes.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Christopher P. Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Clark County Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Schumaker, and Springfield Police Chief Stephen P. Moody announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Walter H. Rice.

McMahon pleaded guilty on May 7, 2009 to one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and one count of possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime.

McMahon was a passenger in a vehicle that Springfield Police officers stopped for traffic violations on February 25, 2009. McMahon and others fled the car after police stopped it. A Springfield Police officer chased him and arrested him after a brief struggle. Officers searched McMahon and found a loaded .45 caliber handgun in McMahon's waistband and several grams of crack cocaine McMahon intended to sell.

McMahon is a multiple felon with several prior convictions for drug offenses and fleeing police. He has been in custody since his arrest.

This case was prosecuted under Project Safe Neighborhoods, an intense coordinated effort by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to target communities with persistent high levels of drug and gun crime and vigorously prosecute them in federal court. For more information on Project Safe Neighborhoods, visit www.psn.gov.

“This is the second Project Safe Neighborhoods case from Springfield that we have prosecuted in federal court in partnership with the Clark County Prosecutor's Office,” Lockhart said. “We will continue to work together to remove the most violent criminals from our streets.”

Lockhart and Schumaker commended the investigation by Springfield police officers and ATF agents, as well as the prosecution of the case by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew J. Hunt and Chris Kinsler, a Clark County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the case.

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