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Newport News Area Drug Dealers Sentenced to Federal Prison

(Newport News, VA) – James Edward Frink, age 22, of Newport News, was sentenced today to 26 years in prison after pleading guilty to federal drug and firearm offenses. Frink received 252 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute in excess of 50 grams of cocaine base, plus a consecutive 60 month sentence for possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Howard Gwynn, Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Newport News, made the announcement after United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman sentenced Frink today.

According to court documents, from September of 2000 through January of 2006, Frink participated in a conspiracy involving the distribution of "crack" cocaine, powder cocaine and marijuana in Newport News, Virginia. During the existence of the conspiracy, he distributed and possessed with the intent to distribute, in excess of 1000 grams of "crack" cocaine in various locations throughout Newport News, including: the Marshall Courts/Seven Oaks Apartments area; Newsome Park Apartments; Dickerson Court Apartments; Stuart Gardens Apartments; Wickham Square Apartments; Orcutt Homes Apartments; and, Ridley Circle. Frink also possessed and carried various handguns and firearms during the conspiracy.

With this sentence, Frink joins his brother, Ricky Lamont Frink, and Germell Allmond, both of whom are serving federal sentences for conspiracy to distribute "crack" cocaine and firearms offenses. In July 2006, United States District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith sentenced Ricky Frink to 444 months in prison after he pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute in excess of 50 grams of "crack" base and possessing a short-barreled rifle in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. In September 2006, United States District Judge Walter Kelley sentenced Germell Allmond to 292 months in prison following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute "crack" cocaine, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, and money laundering.

"Our good citizens deserve to live free from drugs and the violent crime that often accompanies drugs," said United States Attorney Rosenberg. "These three individuals thought

they were above the law. They are not. And, so they will spend a good portion of the rest of their lives in federal prison, where they belong."

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Newport News Police Department, with the support of the Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Howard J. Zlotnick and Special Assistant United States Attorney Jessica M. Norris prosecuted the case for the United States.

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