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## **Norfolk Armed Drug Dealer Sentenced to Federal Prison**

(Norfolk, VA) – Anthony “Ace” Lamont Smith, age 29, of Chesapeake, Virginia, was sentenced today to 288 months in prison, for possession of 50 to 150 grams of crack cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm and ammunition as a convicted felon. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after Smith’s sentencing earlier today before United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman.

Court documents state that on February 26, 2006, Norfolk Police received a report of a burglary at an apartment located on West 26th Street. In investigating the reported burglary, the police discovered that Smith was distributing crack cocaine out of the apartment and also from another apartment on West 28th Street. After obtaining search warrants for both apartments, the officers recovered extensive evidence of crack distribution including a small quantity of crack cocaine, cutting and packaging materials used in the distribution of cocaine, electronic scales, U.S. currency which was the proceeds of the sales that day of about an ounce of crack cocaine, four hand held two-way radios, cell phones, a loaded 12 gauge shotgun, a loaded .380 caliber semiautomatic pistol, an extra pistol, and shotgun ammunition. While police were executing the search, a voice came over one of the hand held radios and asked for “Ace,” saying there were people waiting for him and asking if he was coming to “serve” them. Two accomplices were arrested with Smith. Later Smith attempted to get one of his accomplices to change his story, thus attempting to obstruct justice. Further investigation by ATF developed evidence of distribution of up to 150 grams of crack over a two month period.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Norfolk Police Department. The case was prosecuted under Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)/EXILE, a federal program that uses a joint federal and state multi-agency approach to targeting armed criminals for prosecution in federal court for possession or use of firearms in violation of federal laws. Assistant United States Attorney James A. Metcalfe prosecuted the case for the United States.

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