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Sixth Man Pleads Guilty in Prosecution of Multi-state Drug Operation

(Norfolk, Virginia) - Philip Arthur Jeremiah, age 39, of Weston, Florida, pled guilty today in United States District Court to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after Jeremiah's plea was accepted by United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman. Jeremiah is scheduled to be sentenced on July 23, 2007.

According to court documents, Jeremiah was a participant in a multi-state drug operation responsible for distributing kilogram quantities of cocaine and marijuana in the Tidewater area and elsewhere between 2001 and 2006. Five other men, including the leader of the group, Naeron Bruce Mudie, age 38, of Woodstock, Georgia, have previously entered guilty pleas in the case. Mudie is scheduled to be sentenced on June 4, 2007. Raymond Junior Jones, age 33, of Hampton, is scheduled to be sentenced on June 11, 2007. David Andrew Jones, age 36, of South Mills, North Carolina, is scheduled to be sentenced on June 26, 2007. Tyrone Eugene Newton, age 35, of Hampton is scheduled to be sentenced on June 4, 2007. Gerard Kenneth Riley, age 36, of Williamsburg, is scheduled to be sentenced on June 12, 2007.

The Drug Enforcement Administration and the Norfolk Police Department conducted this investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Darryl J. Mitchell.

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