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Newport News Area Drug Dealer Sentenced to Federal Prison

(Newport News, VA) – Marlon Pettaway, a/k/a Chrome, age 32, of Newport News, was sentenced yesterday to life plus 57 years in prison. This sentence followed the defendant's trial of January 23 through 29, 2007, after which he was found guilty by the court of all charges against him. Pettaway was found guilty of operating a Continuing Criminal Enterprise, for which he was sentenced to life in prison; of Distributing more than Fifty Grams of Crack, for which he was sentenced to life in prison; of one count of Brandishing a Firearm During a Drug Offense, for which he was sentenced to seven years in prison consecutive to all other sentences; to two counts of Use of a Firearm During a Drug Offense for which he was sentenced to 50 years in prison consecutive to all other sentences; and three counts of being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, for which he was sentenced to ten years in prison. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman sentenced Pettaway.

According to court documents, from 2001 through April 2005, Pettaway participated in a conspiracy involving the distribution of "crack" cocaine, powder cocaine and heroin in Newport News, Virginia. During the existence of the conspiracy, Pettaway supervised more than five people in the distribution of more than 1.5 kilograms of "crack" cocaine and more than 1.6 kilograms of heroin in various locations throughout Newport News. Pettaway and his co-conspirators would obtain these drugs in New York and then sell them in the area of Jefferson Avenue and 21st Street and also in the 76th Street corridor of Newport News. Pettaway was also involved in the October 12, 2003, shooting of Anthony Shaw, a/k/a Supreme. In addition, Pettaway possessed and carried various handguns and firearms during the conspiracy.

With this sentence, Pettaway joins his co-conspirators, Kasine Powers, sentenced to 30 years in prison; Antwan Clements, sentenced to 30 years in prison; Samuel Manning, sentenced to 15 years in prison; Mister Jones, sentenced to 15 years in prison; Cory Jackson, sentenced to 20 years in prison; Tourean Richardson, sentenced to 16 years in prison; Michael Singleton, sentenced to 24 years in prison; Kelvin Bazemore, sentence to 15 years in prison; Andrew

Livingston, sentenced to 24 years in prison; Donald Patterson, sentenced to 24 years in prison and Eric Davis, sentenced to 19 years in prison, all of whom are serving their federal sentences for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and heroin and the related firearms offenses.

"Our citizens deserve to be free from violent criminals such as Marlon Pettaway," said United States Attorney Rosenberg. "Pettaway and his co-conspirators forfeited their freedom by engaging in wide spread drug trafficking and perpetrating violent acts in support of their crimes. Pettaway will spend the rest of his life in prison which will make our community a safer place."

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Newport News Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Eric M. Hurt prosecuted the cases for the United States.

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