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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced today that, after a year-long investigation, agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, in cooperation with the Newport News Police Department, the York County Sheriff's Office and other Virginia and local police authorities, arrested the following defendants on federal drug charges enumerated in a 61-count indictment returned by the federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia, Newport News Division, on October 12, 2005.

James Walton Davidson, a/k/a "Jimbo", age 27, of Newport News, Virginia;
Brian Kenneth Kempton, a/k/a "Kenny", age 28, of Newport News, Virginia;
Jeffrey Wayne Carroll, a/k/a "Jeffro", age 47, of Newport News, Virginia;
William Lee Miller, age 28, of Newport News, Virginia; and
Burt Anderson Grimsley, Jr., of Lanexa, Virginia.

Defendants Mark Ethan Bush, age 33, of Eureka, California, and Harbor Eichhorn Miles, age 28, of McKinleyville, California, were arrested in California, and defendant Joseph Ty Grass, age 26, of Hurricane, West Virginia, was arrested in West Virginia, on October 25, 2005.

Defendant Edward Cho Lee, age 29, of Newport News, Virginia, remains a fugitive.

If convicted, each defendant faces a minimum prison term of ten years and a maximum of life.

The indictment alleges each defendant participated in a conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute, and to distribute, five kilograms of cocaine, 100 kilograms of marijuana, and mushrooms containing psilocybin and psilocin. According to the indictment, the conspiracy

imported approximately 1,500 pounds of marijuana and 19 kilograms of cocaine into the Eastern District of Virginia.

This case is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Scott Putney.

It should be remembered that a defendant is considered innocent until proven guilty.

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