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VIOLENT REGIONAL DRUG DEALER BROUGHT DOWN BY FBI AND LRPD

Little Rock - U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Bill Temple, and Little Rock Police Chief Stuart Thomas announced today that a jury in United States District Court returned multiple guilty verdicts today against Derek Isaac Allmon, Sr., (aka Doke Allmon). Allmon, 42, was convicted of drug conspiracies related to marijuana and cocaine, and of several charges concerning the distribution of marijuana, cocaine and heroin. In addition, Allmon was found guilty of possessing a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking offense and of three charges stemming from attempts to kill witnesses. The case was tried before the Honorable William R. Wilson, Jr., United States District Judge.

The trial testimony of multiple government witnesses established that Allmon, a resident of Dallas with ties to the Little Rock area, was the leader of a large-scale drug distribution network with activities in Dallas, Texas; Little Rock, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; and St. Louis, Missouri. According to the witnesses, Allmon garnered huge sums of cash through the sale of illegal drugs and protected his drug network through violence and threats of violence. Witnesses Mark Williams and Turna Grigsby, both of whom participated in Allmon's drug activities, were the subject of attempted murders ordered by Allmon.

On July 29, 2003, Allmon sent his cousin, Rashaun Jordan, to kill Mark Williams at Williams' place of employment, Martin-Marietta Aggregates on Lawson Road. Mark Williams testified that he had heard the rumors that Allmon had a "hit" out on him and had started carrying a gun for protection. According to other government witnesses, Allmon blamed Williams for Allmon's and several of his associates' arrests on July 9, 2003 for drug charges. So, twenty days later, Jordan, clad in a bulletproof vest and armed with an AK 47 assault rifle and a handgun, opened fire on Williams as Williams was washing off his concrete truck. Instead

of killing Williams, Jordan was killed when Williams returned fire and shot Jordan in the head. Williams sustained only minor cuts and scratches during the attack.

Turna Grigsby was not so lucky to escape serious injury during his attack. Mr. Grigsby was ambushed in evening rush hour traffic on April 7, 2005, while his two small children rode in the backseat of his king cab pick-up. According to witnesses, three individuals traveling in a white Lincoln Towncar pulled up alongside Grigsby's vehicle on Geyer Springs Road. The front seat passenger then opened fire on Grigsby as he sat in his truck. Grigsby sustained 4 gunshot wounds, but the children were uninjured. After hospitalization for his wounds, Grigsby and his family were subsequently relocated for their protection. Garrick Allmon, the 20-year-old nephew of Derek Allmon, recently pleaded guilty to conspiring to murder Grigsby. Pursuant to a plea agreement, Garrick Allmon testified at trial against his uncle, stating unequivocally that he participated in the attempted murder of Grigsby, which was carried out at the direction of Derek Allmon. According to Garrick, Derek Allmon wanted to have Grigsby murdered so that Grigsby would not testify against Derek at trial, which was then set for April 25, 2005.

"These investigators and prosecutors have provided an invaluable service by putting this individual behind bars," stated Cummins. "He and his co-conspirators have plagued this community and others."

This case is not Allmon's first time as an offender of the federal justice system. In addition to having various state felonies, Allmon was convicted of federal cocaine distribution and firearms offenses in Little Rock in the early 1990s and received a 10-year prison term. Allmon's sentencing on these charges is set for August 19, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. It is anticipated that he will be facing life in prison.

The investigation of Allmon and his associates was handled by METROCK which is comprised of agents from the Little Rock office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and officers of the Little Rock Police Department. The investigation resulted in convictions of 18 individuals, several of whom had prior drug trafficking convictions. In addition, the case resulted in the forfeiture of a substantial amount of assets derived from illegal drug sales.

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