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**GUNS AND DRUGS NET NORTH LITTLE ROCK MAN
35 YEARS FEDERAL PENITENTIARY - NO PAROLE**

Little Rock- Bud Cummins, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced today that Cory Shane Peacock, age 34, of North Little Rock, Arkansas, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge George Howard, Jr.

According to the Criminal Information and the proceedings in this case, Peacock pled guilty for his role as a member of a conspiracy responsible for the distribution of more than 500 grams of methamphetamine in the Eastern District of Arkansas. Peacock also pled guilty to possessing a .40 caliber handgun during his methamphetamine trafficking activities. The methamphetamine distribution activities occurred between 2000 and August, 2004.

Peacock, while a parolee from the Arkansas Department of Corrections, was arrested on separate three occasions in 2005. Methamphetamine and firearms were seized on each occasion.

During yesterday's proceedings, Peacock was assessed responsibility for conspiracy to distribute between 500 grams and 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine.

District Judge Howard sentenced Peacock to a total term of 420 months in prison without parole. For his role in the methamphetamine distribution a sentence of 360 months imprisonment was imposed. A 60 month term of imprisonment to be served consecutively to the drug sentence was ordered for Peacock's use of firearms during the drug trafficking crime.

This matter is designated a Project Safe Neighborhoods case. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal initiative aimed at reducing gun crime by networking local prosecutors and law enforcement with federal counterparts. Those prosecuted under federal statutes serve longer sentences partly due to the fact that there is no parole in the federal system.

"Guns and drugs don't mix in this community," state Cummins. "We want to remove threats like this from our street. Project Safe Neighborhoods is the program that does just that."

Peacock's prosecution and conviction is the result of the combined efforts of the participants in the District's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. The Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Pulaski County, Arkansas Sheriff's Office, the Little Rock Police Department, Cammack Village Police Department, Conway Drug Task Force, Arkansas State Police, Bootheel Drug Task Force of Cape Girardeau, MO, the Garland County Sheriff's Office, Miller County Sheriff's Office and the Bryant Police Department all contributed to this successful prosecution effort.

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