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**FEDERAL FUGITIVE SURRENDERS AFTER BEING
FEATURED ON FOX 16 AS “MOST WANTED”**

Little Rock – United States Attorney Jane W. Duke; United States Marshal Robert G. (“J.R.”) Howard, Jr., and Drug Enforcement Administration Assistant Special Agent in Charge William J. Bryant announced today the arrest of Tyrone Jackson, age 31, of Little Rock. Jackson was the last remaining person to be apprehended in a multi-defendant drug trafficking case that was originally indicted in early 2005. To date, eleven defendants have been convicted in this case. Jackson surrendered peacefully yesterday to the U.S. Marshals Service in Little Rock after seeing himself recently featured as a federal fugitive on Fox 16 News.

According to Duke, Jackson was a participant in a large-scale conspiracy to distribute cocaine, marijuana, and crack cocaine in the Little Rock area. The group, headed by Robert Brevard, was dominated by members of the West Side Pirus, a violent street gang operating in central Arkansas.

Jackson, who was detained after his initial appearance today, is charged in one count of the pending indictment with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine from January 2002 through March 1, 2005. The case is set for trial on May 5, 2008 before the Honorable J. Leon Holmes, United States District Judge. The statutory penalty for this offense is not less than ten years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$4 million.

During the course of the investigation, DEA agents seized approximately 18 kilograms of cocaine and 1.5 kilograms of crack cocaine. The DEA also seized and forfeited approximately \$100,000 in currency and multiple vehicles utilized by the participants.

“We are really pleased with the almost immediate impact we saw from Fox 16’s airing of a ‘Most Wanted’ segment featuring Jackson,” stated Howard. He added, “This is a great example of what happens when community-minded organizations and law enforcement agencies work together. We look forward to working with Fox 16 in the future with additional ‘Most Wanted’ segments.”

Duke agreed, noting that voluntary coalitions between the authorities, the media, and the public are vital to the success of law enforcement today. “Our mobile society really presents a challenge when it comes to apprehending fugitives. However, through programs such as Fox 16’s ‘Most Wanted,’ we are able to reach a large audience in a high-impact way. It is extremely difficult for someone to remain hidden once their face is broadcast on local television.”

This case was investigated by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Little Rock Police Department. The United States Marshals Service was instrumental in apprehending Jackson and other fugitives in connection with this case. Assistant United States Attorney Edward Walker is prosecuting this case on behalf of the United States.

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