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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 2, 2011

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Darren Grant James and Robert Allen Anderson, Jr. were sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by United States District Judge Jeffrey T. Miller to five-year custodial sentences for their involvement in a conspiracy to distribute marijuana. The defendants were also convicted of firearms offenses, for which they received concurrent sentences. James was sentenced to 57 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Anderson was sentenced to 46 months for being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

Both defendants had previously pled guilty to these charges. The charges followed the January 20, 2011 execution of a search warrant at their residence/marijuana grow located in Lakeside, California. At that time, law enforcement recovered 138 marijuana plants, over three kilograms of dried marijuana, small quantities of other controlled substances, ammunition, and two handguns. At the sentencing hearing,

Anderson's attorney represented that all of the marijuana was intended for personal use or for distribution to dispensaries.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 11CR0521-JM

DARREN GRANT JAMES
ROBERT ALLEN ANDERSON, JR.

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1) and 846 (Conspiracy to Manufacture and Distribute 100 Marijuana Plants and More, and Intentionally Possess, with Intent to Distribute)

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2)(Felon in Possession of a Firearm)

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(3) and 924(a)(2)(Addict in Possession of a Firearm)

AGENCIES

East County Regional Gang Task Force
San Diego Sheriffs's Department, Narcotics Task Force
San Diego County Probation Department
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives