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GAMORY BROTHERS SENTENCED TO LONG PRISON TERMS FOR DRUG DISTRIBUTION & MONEY LAUNDERING

Atlanta, GA - EDGAR JAMAL GAMORY, 34, of Lilburn, Georgia, has been sentenced by United States District Judge Thomas Thrash, Jr. to federal prison on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana and two counts of money laundering, and Judge Thrash also sentenced EDMOND GAMORY, 31, Atlanta, Georgia, to federal prison today on a charge of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the sentencings, "These brothers distributed large amounts of illegal drugs from Georgia up the Atlantic Coast all the way to New York, generating millions of dollars in dirty cash. Law enforcement officers worked hard and skillfully to dismantle this drug operation and to follow and seize the proceeds of these crimes. The lavish lifestyle these two drug pushers once enjoyed is over for good. They have lost the money, the cars, the house, and, most significantly, their freedom. Indeed, one of the defendants will be locked up for the rest of his life."

Rodney G. Benson, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Atlanta Field Division, said, "This case proves that, through collaboration with our federal, state and local partners, everyone is accountable for their actions, even well after they've completed their illegal transactions and reaped the benefits of their nefarious ways."

James D. Robnett, Acting Special Agent In Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, said, "The laundering of cash is an avenue used by drug dealers to conceal the true source of their illegal money. Drug dealers should take notice that IRS Criminal Investigation will unravel the often convoluted money trail, which becomes a key to a successful prosecution."

GBI Director Vernon Keenan said, "Fine jewelry, firearms and bullet proof vests instead of designer clothes are all frightening reminders of Atlanta's strategic value in the illicit drug distribution corridor and the determination of traffickers to resort to violence in order to defend it. Georgia still has the unfortunate distinction as the central distribution hub of illegal drugs for the eastern seaboard, and the GBI will remain vigilant in combatting against the drug traffickers and its associated violence."

On July 24, 2009, Judge Thrash sentenced EDGAR GAMORY to serve the rest of his life in federal prison. He was found guilty on federal drug and money laundering charges after a jury trial on April 21, 2009. Today, EDMOND GAMORY was sentenced to serve 10 years in federal prison, to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. EDMOND GAMORY pleaded guilty to the charge on April 2, 2009. There is no parole in the federal system.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and information presented in court: EDGAR GAMORY was the leader of a drug organization responsible for distributing drugs from Atlanta to South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and New York between 2000 and 2007. The organization, which included his brother, EDMOND GAMORY, and childhood friends, distributed more than 800 kilograms of cocaine and 3,000 kilograms of marijuana, all of which originated from Mexico. EDMOND GAMORY's involvement included obtaining a warehouse where cocaine and marijuana was stored before distribution.

During the investigation, agents seized approximately \$1.5 million in cash, approximately \$1 million in jewelry, five handguns, a bulletproof vest, numerous vehicles, a local business operated by EDGAR GAMORY, and his residence at 4751 Riverwalk Trail, Lilburn, Georgia.

Evidence at trial showed that EDGAR EMORY lived a lavish lifestyle. Although EDGAR GAMORY had a recording studio in Atlanta, "Hush Money Entertainment," and three "fish and chips" restaurants in Brooklyn, New York, there was no financial evidence presented in court to show that any of his businesses produced income. Further, EDGAR GAMORY laundered drug proceeds by purchasing a 2002 Range Rover with \$97,708.34 in cash and a 2005 Aston Martin with \$145,866.74 in cash and titling them in other persons' names, even though he used the vehicles for his own benefit.

Also charged in this investigation was VAUGHN GREENE, 33, Atlanta, Georgia, who pleaded guilty to a drug conspiracy charge and was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison, followed by 8 years of supervised release; and VICTOR OLVERA, 31, Atlanta, Georgia, who pleaded guilty to a drug conspiracy charge and was sentenced to 7 years, 3 months in federal prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta recommends parents and children learn about the dangers of drugs at the following web site: www.justthinktwice.com.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Doraville Police Department and the Gwinnett County Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys Lisa W. Tarvin and Michael J. Brown prosecuted the case.

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