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**ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING, POSSESSION AND USE OF FIREARMS, AND ASSAULT ON A DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL**

Atlanta, GA - MARLANDOW JEFFRIES, 28, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Richard W. Story to serve 30 years in prison on charges of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, assault on a Deputy United States Marshal with a deadly weapon, and use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "This defendant has a long criminal history in state court, including four prior drug and violent felony convictions. Yet he has never spent any real time behind bars. Indeed, he was on probation and on bond when he committed these federal crimes. The defendant will now spend real, no-parole time in federal prison-the next three decades of his life."

Special Agent in Charge Gregory Gant of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Atlanta Field Division said, "This defendant didn't just show a potential for violent behavior. He personified violence. Jeffries was a drug dealer with a reputation for fighting and fleeing from the police and all too often, he brought a gun into the equation. He was proactively targeted by the Violent Crime Impact Team after being identified as one of the 'worst of the worst' criminals operating within APD's Zone 3. There is only one place for this level of offender, behind bars and off of Atlanta's streets."

JEFFRIES was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. JEFFRIES was convicted of these charges by a federal jury after a trial on May 13, 2009.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On January 25, 2007, Atlanta Police Department (APD) Officers were conducting a license and insurance check at an intersection on Metropolitan Avenue when JEFFRIES approached the road block driving a Ford Expedition sports utility vehicle (SUV). JEFFRIES failed to stop at the roadblock and struck one of the APD officers participating in the roadblock with his SUV. APD officers pursued JEFFRIES to his residence located

at 2905 Waters Road in Atlanta, Georgia. APD officers observed Jeffries exit his SUV and enter the residence carrying what appeared to be a coffee can. JEFFRIES was found hiding in an upstairs attic storage space. Once discovered, JEFFRIES left his hiding place but lunged for a gun that was stored nearby. APD officers prevented JEFFRIES from reaching the gun and placed him under arrest. The coffee can JEFFRIES was seen carrying contained half an ounce of powder cocaine, 60 hits of crack cocaine which weighed approximately 105 grams, 20 bags of marijuana, and \$424 in U.S. currency.

JEFFRIES was granted bond in state court for the January 25, 2007 offense. When JEFFRIES failed to appear in court for that offense, a bench warrant was issued for his arrest on March 7, 2007. On June 5, 2007, Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and APD Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) task force officers arrived at JEFFRIES' 2905 Waters Road residence to arrest him for failure to appear. JEFFRIES met the arrest team at the front door of his residence carrying a 5.56mm Bushmaster Model Carbon-15 pistol, yelling, "Not in my house, not in my house." As the arrest team retreated upon sight of the high-powered weapon, JEFFRIES pointed the weapon out of a side window of his residence directly at a Deputy United States Marshal.

JEFFRIES was subsequently taken into custody without further incident. A search of his residence after the arrest revealed \$2,229 in cash, 56.3 grams of 70.5% pure cocaine, 126.3 grams of marijuana, a Masterpiece Arms Model MPA30T 9mm pistol with 18 rounds of ammunition, and a 5.56 mm Bushmaster Model Carbon-15 pistol loaded with 27 rounds of ammunition. Additionally, surveillance equipment found in the residence provided video images and audio from outside of the residence to four indoor monitors.

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](http://www.justthinktwice.com).

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and Atlanta Police Department Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) Task Force Officers.

Special Assistant United States Attorney Loranzo M. Fleming prosecuted the case.

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