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## **APPREHENDED FUGITIVE PLEADS GUILTY TO INTERFERING AND IMPEDING A FEDERAL OFFICER**

ATLANTA, GA - ANTONIO DARNELL KING, 34, of Morrow, Georgia, pleaded guilty today in United States District Court to interfering and impeding a Deputy United States Marshal.

“Violence against law enforcement officers will not be tolerated,” said U.S. Attorney Sally Quillian Yates. “The safety of law enforcement officers tasked with apprehending fugitives is critically important to our justice system. Today’s guilty plea highlights that any criminal who violently resists law enforcement will be required to answer for their dangerous and lawless conduct.”

United States Marshal Richard Mecum said, “I agree with the United States Attorney and her aggressive commitment to prosecute individuals who assault federal law enforcement officers. The United States Marshals Service in the Northern District of Georgia will relentlessly pursue the apprehension, and conviction of those committing violence against any federal law enforcement officer. I want to congratulate all the federal, state, and local law enforcement officers for all their hard work in the investigation leading to the arrest of Antonio Darnell King.”

According to United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: On April 18, 2008, KING, a fugitive who had been previously convicted of armed robbery, was sought on an arrest warrant for a violation of supervised release. When law enforcement officers approached KING while he was in his vehicle on Lee street, KING drove his vehicle at a high rate of speed in the direction of a Deputy United States Marshal, who narrowly avoided injury. KING continued to flee the officers, leading them on a high speed chase through downtown Atlanta, reaching speeds of 100 m.p.h. KING was later apprehended.

KING pleaded guilty to a one count Criminal Information of resisting and impeding a federal officer. He could receive a maximum sentence of up to 8 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. In determining the actual sentence, the Court will consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines, which are not binding but provide

appropriate sentencing ranges for most offenders.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 12, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., before United States District Judge Julie E. Carnes.

This case is being investigated by the United States Marshals Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Mary F. Kruger is prosecuting the case.

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