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DRUG COURIER CONVICTED BY FEDERAL JURY OF CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force: "Operation Old School"

SHREVEPORT, La. – Kenneth Clark, 54, of Houston, TX, was convicted late yesterday afternoon by a federal jury of one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today.

According to court testimony, Clark was the courier who moved kilo quantities of cocaine from Houston to both north and south Louisiana, namely Ruston and Monroe, where it was distributed.

After an 18-month investigation conducted jointly by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, 13 defendants were indicted on October 28, 2009. The indictment was the third installment of charges from an investigation dubbed "Operation Old School" conducted by the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task (OCDETF). "Operation Old School" has resulted in federal drug charges filed against a total of 27 defendants.

Clark is scheduled for sentencing on October 27, 2010. He faces a minimum of 20 years in prison with a maximum term of life, a fine of up to \$4 million, or both. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

OCDETF is a joint federal, state and local cooperative approach to combat drug trafficking, and in this case involved the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Louisiana State Police, Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office, Ruston Police Department, Monroe Police Department, West Monroe Police Department and Shreveport Police Department.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

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