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**Antonio Turner Convicted of Carjacking Jackson Police Officer Dwayne Collier**

Jackson, Miss - Antonio Turner of Jackson, Mississippi, was convicted in federal court today of armed carjacking and discharge of a firearm relating to the events of July 7, 2008 in which Jackson Police Officer Dwayne Collier was shot multiple times and his patrol car taken.

On July 7, 2008 Turner and his co-defendant Cornelius Black robbed the Mississippi Title & Payday Loans in Jackson, carrying guns and demanding money from the employees. Following a high speed pursuit, Turner wrecked the getaway car and as Officer Collier was approaching, Turner opened fire with a 9mm handgun striking Collier multiple times. Turner then dragged Officer Collier out of his car and sped away. Shortly thereafter, Turner wrecked Collier's patrol unit and was apprehended by Jackson Police detectives close to the wrecked patrol car.

Turner is set for sentencing on November 15, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. before United States District Judge Daniel P. Jordan. Turner faces a penalty of at least 67 years in prison and a maximum penalty of life in prison.

U.S. Attorney Burkhalter noted that this is another excellent example of federal and local law enforcement officers working together to get dangerous criminals convicted. The federal and local law enforcement agencies participating in this case include the Jackson Police Department Cease Fire Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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