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TEN-YEAR SENTENCE FOR CINCINNATI MAN CONVICTED OF GUN, DRUG CRIMES

CINCINNATI – Rashawn Gill, 32, of Cincinnati was sentenced in United States District Court here to a total of 123 months imprisonment following his conviction on all three counts contained in an indictment charging him with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute it, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Russell Neville, Resident Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Cincinnati; and Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr. announced the sentence handed down yesterday by U.S. District Judge Michael R. Barrett.

Gill's sentence requires him to serve 63 months imprisonment concurrently on each of the first two crimes followed by 60 months imprisonment for possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

Testimony during the trial included statements that a witness arranged to meet Gill and purchase drugs in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood of Cincinnati in October, 2008. When Gill arrived, DEA agents and Cincinnati Police officers approached him to arrest him. Gill attempted to run away from officers. Officers testified that they saw him bend over in front of an infant car seat sitting on the steps in front of an apartment. When officers caught and arrested him, they lifted up the infant car seat and found a handgun underneath it. Officers also found 138 grams of cocaine and a small amount of marijuana in Gill's car.

“Drug dealing in broad daylight in a neighborhood where there are kids and families present poses a serious threat to the community,” Stewart said. “Through cooperative efforts like this investigation, we can work to stem the flow of such activity.”

Stewart commended the cooperative investigation by DEA agents and Cincinnati Police officers, along with Assistant U.S Attorney Karl Kadon and former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Seibel, who prosecuted the case.

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