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DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DRUG, MONEY LAUNDERING, GUN CRIMES

COLUMBUS – Troy G. Saxton, 41, aka “Big T”, of Columbus was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 92 months imprisonment for trafficking cocaine and heroin.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Anthony Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation (IRS), and Columbus Police Chief Walter Distelzweig announced the sentence handed down today by U.S. District Judge Michael Watson.

Saxton pleaded guilty on May 5, 2008 to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, one count of possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine and one count of possession with intent to distribute heroin. Those charges arose from his conduct in the Southern District of Ohio. Saxton also pleaded guilty here to one count of conspiracy out of the Central District of California. Judge Watson sentenced him to 92 months on each count and ordered the sentences to run concurrently.

According to court documents, on October 30, 2007, IRS agents and Columbus Police officers arrested Saxton, as the result of a federal arrest warrant on an indictment issued in the Central District of California for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute over five kilograms of cocaine. After being advised of his Miranda warnings, Saxton was questioned by agents and told the agents that they would find cocaine in the cabinets below the sink in the kitchen of a residence he used at 2036 Burwell Drive in Columbus.

On October 30, 2007, IRS agents and Columbus Police officers executed two search warrants at the address and found packages containing heroin and almost a kilogram of cocaine in cabinets near the kitchen sink.

Saxton was also sentenced to forfeit almost \$20,000 in cash, jewelry and a 2003 Hummer H2 which he had purchased with drug proceeds.

Stewart commended the investigation by IRS agents and Columbus Police officers, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Robyn Hahnert and Kevin Kelley, who prosecuted the case.

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