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VIOLENT DRUG DISTRIBUTION GANG LEADER CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT

PHILADELPHIA - Today, a federal court jury returned guilty verdicts on 19 counts against Prince Isaac, on 7 counts against Shamek Hynson and on one count against Dwight Williams in connection with their operation of a violent drug trafficking gang in the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The jury found Isaac guilty of conspiracy to distribute "crack" cocaine and heroin, engaging in continuing criminal enterprise, distribution of "crack" cocaine or heroin, distribution of "crack" cocaine within 1,000 feet of a public park, using and carrying of a firearm during commission of a drug trafficking crime, tampering with a witness, and aiding & abetting.

The gang operated out of several addresses, including local business establishments, in Lancaster, from May 2004 until their arrest in September 2005. It was organized, controlled, supervised, financed and operated by Isaac and his half-brother Shamek Hynson. The gross revenue from their drug business exceeded \$10,000 per day. The gang members engaged in shooting customers and gang members who owed them money and threatening people they were afraid would testify against them.

"The shootings, intimidation, guns and drug trafficking, and violence were part of the calling card which Isaac and his gang left in the streets of Lancaster. Today that card has been cancelled. As a result of the outstanding partnership among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, the organization operated by Prince Isaac and Shamek Hynson has been abolished."

"We are gratified that this violent group of criminals has been taken off the streets of Lancaster," said Lancaster County District Attorney Don Totaro. "We thank the federal prosecutors for the effort put into bringing this case to justice and especially thank the Lancaster Police Department for their fine work in this case."

As a result of the extensive investigation, 20 people were charged in this case.

The trial of Isaac, Hynson & Williams began September 10, 2007.

The maximum sentence for Prince Isaac and Shamek Hynson is life imprisonment. The maximum sentence for Dwight Williams is 20 years imprisonment.

A sentencing date has not yet been set.

This case is part of the “222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative”, a federally funded program designed to defeat some of the most violent and pervasive gangs in the country. The “222 Corridor” includes the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Lancaster, York, and Harrisburg. This initiative combines federal, state, and local law enforcement resources to attack gang crime and violence throughout the corridor.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Mark S. Miller and Joseph E. McGettigan. The investigation was assisted by Lancaster Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and Drug Enforcement Administration.

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