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TAMPA MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DRUG CONSPIRACY

Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that a federal jury today found Kenneth Lamar Madden (53, Tampa) guilty of conspiracy to possess 5 kilograms or more of cocaine with the intent to distribute; carrying, or possessing a firearm during and in relation to or in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and possession of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base. Madden faces a statutory mandatory sentence of life plus five years in federal prison. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for September 12, 2011.

Kenneth Madden was charged in a superseding indictment on April 27, 2011.

According to evidence presented at trial, Madden and his co-conspirator, Dennis Johnson, agreed and planned on committing a robbery of 20-50 kilograms of cocaine. They were arrested prior to committing the robbery and were in possession of a loaded Smith and Wesson firearm and crack cocaine.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Stacie B. Harris and Lisset G. Hanewicz.