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GKB Bloods Leader Sentenced to 120 Months in  
Prison for Distribution of Crack Cocaine

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TRENTON – A high-ranking member or “4-star general” of a Trenton Bloods street gang known as “Gangster Killer Bloods” or “GKB” was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison today for distribution of crack cocaine, Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra, Jr. announced.

U.S. District Judge Mary L. Cooper also ordered Jabari Cross, 29, of Trenton, to pay a \$500 fine and to serve five years of supervised release upon the completion of his federal prison term. Cross has remained in custody since his arrest on Nov. 30, 2007.

On March 10, 2008, Cross pleaded guilty to a one-count Information that charged him with possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. At his plea hearing, Cross admitted that on March 27, 2007, he arranged to have crack cocaine sold to another person. Cross admitted that after the drug transaction, he collected his share of the drug proceeds.

Through a 14-month investigation, law enforcement authorities identified Ricky Davis, 26, of Trenton, as a “5-star general” and Cross as a “4-star general” of the GKB Bloods gang that operated in the Wilbur Section of Trenton.

Davis pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Anne E. Thompson on March 4, 2008, to a one-count Information that charged him with distribution and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. On Sept. 22, 2008, Judge Thompson sentenced Davis to 180 months in federal prison and also ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine and to serve five years of supervised release.

The guilty pleas of Davis and Cross, along with federal arrests and convictions of eight additional GKB members and associates, resulted from a cooperative investigation by the DEA and the Trenton Police Department, with the assistance of other federal, state and county law enforcement agencies, into the GKB gang that was operating in Trenton.

In determining the actual sentence, Judge Cooper consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Marra credited Special Agents of the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard P. McAleer in Newark, and Police Officers with the Trenton Police

Department, under the direction of Irving Bradley, Jr., Police Director, with the investigation into the drug distribution activities of GKB Bloods gang members.

Marra also thanked the New Jersey State Police Gang Unit, ATF, FBI, Ewing Police Department, and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office for their assistance to the investigation.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jimmy Kitchen, of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division in Trenton.

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