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ARRESTS MADE IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE

Four defendants from Monroe area arrested

Monroe, Louisiana . . . Federal, state and local law enforcement agents began making arrests early this morning in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation code named: "Operation: Spitshine," an investigation into illegal drug trafficking, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced. The arrests followed the unsealing of a federal indictment charging seven individuals with conspiracy and drug trafficking.

Operation Spitshine was initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Metro Narcotics in Ouachita Parish and Monroe into the activities of the Marx Street Cartel, a family oriented gang, operating in Monroe, Louisiana. The investigation revealed that this gang was involved in the distribution of crack cocaine throughout northeast Louisiana.

OCDETF is the nation's primary tool for disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations. OCDETF leaders develop national and regional level drug trafficking targets, and coordinate the necessary law enforcement entities and resources to disrupt or dismantle the targeted criminal organization and seize their assets.

The following defendants were arrested this morning: TRANSEL DUNN, LaCURTIS DUNN, DONALD RAY KELLY, and EARL M. SCOTT. The three remaining defendants who have not yet been arrested and whose warrants are outstanding are: ALONZO MAYES, TOMAZ G. BURKS, and BRYANT L. NEWTON. A complete list of the defendants and their charges is attached. An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

If convicted, all defendants face a sentence of 10 years to life in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Louisiana State Police, and the Metro Narcotics Task Force, which includes the Monroe and West Monroe Police Departments and the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James G. Cowles.

(SEE LISTING OF DEFENDANTS ATTACHED HERETO)

DEFENDANT	AGE & HOMETOWN	CHARGES
1) TRANSEL DUNN	29 years of age Monroe, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
2) LaCURTIS W. DUNN	27 years of age Monroe, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
3) DONALD RAY KELLY	23 years of age Monroe, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
4) ALONZO J. MAYES	24 years of age Monroe, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
5) EARL M. SCOTT	22 years of age Monroe, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
6) TOMAZ G. BURKS	28 years of age Monroe, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
7) BRYANT L. NEWTON	27 years of age Monroe, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine

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