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SIX PLEAD GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING OF CRACK COCAINE

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Operation: "Old School"

SHREVEPORT, La.: Six defendants have pleaded guilty this week to drug trafficking related to the organized distribution of more than 5 kilograms of powder cocaine and more than 50 grams of crack cocaine in the Ruston and Monroe, Louisiana areas, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced today.

Thirteen defendants were indicted on October 28, 2009, after an 18-month investigation conducted jointly by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The indictment was the third installment of charges that resulted from Operation "Old School" conducted by the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task (OCDETF). OCDETF is a joint federal, state and local cooperative approach to combat drug trafficking, and in this case involved the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Louisiana State Police, Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office, Ruston Police Department, Monroe Police Department, West Monroe Police Department and Shreveport Police Department. With today's indictment, Operation "Old School" has now resulted in federal drug charges filed against a total of 28 defendants.

Walter O'Shea Curry faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years and a maximum penalty of life in prison for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. The other five defendants who have pleaded guilty this week face a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in prison for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

(See Fact Sheet Attached)

FACT SHEET:

SHEDRICK GREEN, III, aka Lil' Shed, age 25, of Ruston, La., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

MICHAEL F. MOORE, aka Big Boy, age 44, of Monroe, La., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

JOHNTAVIOUS A. SLATON, age 28, of Ruston, La., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

WALTER O'SHEA CURRY, aka Shay, of Ruston, La., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

RONALD D. HARPER, aka Short Man and Rollo, of Ruston, La., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

DWIGHT D. JACKSON, aka D-Boy and Big Head, of Ruston, La., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

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