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**LAST ABBEVILLE DOOMED LEGIONS II DEFENDANT
PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CHARGES**

LAFAYETTE, La. - United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Kevin Forrest, a/k/a "T-Rev", a/k/a "Snout", age 38, of Abbeville, La., entered a plea of guilty to one count of Possession With the Intent to Distribute Cocaine (powder) before U.S. District Judge Rebecca Doherty today in Lafayette.

Forrest was originally arrested in March of 2000 with 15 other co-defendants from Abbeville, Louisiana. The case was the result of a joint investigation conducted by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies of the Southeast Region Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force code-named "Doomed Legions II." The three-year investigation revealed that the co-conspirators were involved in a major drug organization which had been operating since 1990. The narcotics were obtained from a source in Texas and then distributed throughout the Abbeville, Louisiana area. Once in Abbeville, the members of the organizations would "whip" the cocaine into crack. The investigation revealed that a police officer, pharmacist and a number of Abbeville residents were involved in the distribution.

Forrest's case was the last remaining one of the group. The original charges against Forrest were dismissed, and he was released from federal custody in 2005, but Forrest returned to drug trafficking the following year. Forrest was indicted again federally in 2007 for trafficking in powder cocaine. Today, Forrest plead to possessing with intent to distribute powder cocaine on February 15, 2007.

At sentencing, Forrest faces a term of imprisonment of not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty (20) years, a \$2 million; and a mandatory term of not less than four (4) years and not more than five (5) years supervised release following confinement.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case is being prosecuted by U. S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley.

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