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**MAIN TARGET OF FEDERAL INVESTIGATION SENTENCED  
TO 327 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR DRUG CHARGES**

**Shreveport, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that Darien L. Reliford of Shreveport was sentenced on Friday, November 9, 2012, to 327 months for conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute. Reliford's son, Darien Jones, was sentenced to 72 months for the same offense.

On December 14, 2011, 13 defendants were indicted after an investigation conducted by the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The investigation revealed that Darien Reliford, the main target, obtained large quantities of cocaine from Dallas for distribution in Shreveport. Several kilograms of cocaine worth approximately \$100,000, firearms, and approximately \$120,000 in cash have been seized during the course of this investigation.

Others sentenced for cocaine conspiracy are: Kurt Abrone: 36 months; Ochelata Reliford: 60 months; Derrick Waffer: 60 months; Timothy Ellis: 78 months; Randy Randall: 180 months; Lagashia Woodard: 30 months; Cecil Cole: 120 months; Tamika Barrett: 60 months; Reginald Lee: 60 months; Terry Pouncy: 72 months; and Robin Ray James: 240 months; all Shreveport residents.

OCDETF is a joint federal, state and local cooperative approach to combat drug trafficking and is the nation's primary tool for disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations, targeting national and regional level drug trafficking organizations and coordinating the necessary law enforcement entities and resources to disrupt or dismantle the targeted criminal organization and seize their assets.

This case was investigated by agents and officers of the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, U. S. Marshall Service, Louisiana State Police, Shreveport Police Department, and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Offices. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorneys James G. Cowles, Jr.

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