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### **12 GADSDEN AND JACKSON COUNTY RESIDENTS CHARGED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY**

**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA** – A federal grand jury returned an indictment, unsealed today, charging 12 defendants with federal drug trafficking offenses. The indictment was announced by Lawrence Keefe, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida.

The defendants are:

- Jermaine Terrell Hadley, 31, Quincy, Florida;
- Devar San Jacus Donaldson, 27, Quincy, Florida;
- Sariem Shanquell McMillian, 23, Quincy, Florida;
- Ja'rod Lamar Bryant, 31, Quincy, Florida;
- Jaquantavious Trayshon Owens, 25, Quincy, Florida;
- Jamaron Juanata Paden Sr., 29, Marianna, Florida;
- Eddie Lee Hughes, 52, Quincy, Florida;
- Tiffany Jean Hughes, 29, Marianna, Florida;
- Samantha Eugenia Yelle, 30, Marianna, Florida;
- Patrick Lee Baker, 43, Quincy, Florida;
- Randell Lavel Colston, 47, Quincy, Florida; and
- Linda Lockwood, 48, Quincy, Florida.

The indictment and arrests resulted from an ongoing Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Operation which targeted a drug trafficking organization alleged to be responsible for the distribution of methamphetamine, cocaine, and MDMA throughout the northcentral panhandle of Florida between 2018 and 2019.

The charged defendants face penalties ranging up to and including life imprisonment, and fines up to \$20,000,000.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Office of Homeland Security Investigations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the United States Marshals Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, Jackson's County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Highway Patrol, the Chattahoochee Police

Department, the Tallahassee Police Department, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, the Calhoun Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Florida Air National Guard Counterdrug Program. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Eric Mountin.

This prosecution is part of an extensive investigation by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). 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 and dismantle the targeted criminal organization and seize its assets.

An indictment is merely an allegation by a grand jury that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law and is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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