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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORTS WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

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JOSEPH S. MORTON, 25, of the 3300 block of Maywood, St. Louis, 63121, was sentenced to 27 months in prison, without parole on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

RONALD SEALS, 32, of the 3800 block of Lafayette, St. Louis, 63110, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Seals now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,50,000. Sentencing has been set for January 6, 2005.

DIALLO DAVIDSON, 30, of the 200 block of Tippen, Ferguson, Missouri was convicted of one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Davidson now faces

a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 7, 2005.

LEJUAN M. CARTER, 28, of the 2600 block of Tyrell, St. Louis, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Carter now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for December 21, 2004.

CHARLES TAYLOR, 26, of the 2600 block of Iowa, St. Louis, 63118, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Taylor now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for December 21, 2004.

JEROME GREEN, 24, of the 2600 block of Armand Place, St. Louis, 63104, pled guilty to one felony count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Green now faces a penalty range of five years to life in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 7, 2005.

EDWARD NICARD, 40, of the 8000 block of Packard, St. Louis, 63134, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Nicard now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for December 28, 2004.

GEORGE D. LISTER, 51, of the 3300 block of Oregon, St. Louis, 63118, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Lister now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 7, 2004.

SHAUN WHITE, 24, of Fenton, Missouri, pled guilty to one felony count of possession of an unregistered sawed-off shotgun. White now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for December 30, 2004.

TODD SCOTT, 30, of the 7500 block of Virginia, St. Louis, 63111, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Scott now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 7, 2005.

NORIEL K. SNIDER, 43, of the 1300 block of Sharowdale, St. Louis, 63135, was indicted by a federal grand jury on one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. If convicted, Snider faces a maximum penalty of 50 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$2,000,000.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.