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**35 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY  
LAUNDERING OFFENSES FOLLOWING UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION**

United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, Michael J. Moore, announced today that an indictment was returned by a grand jury sitting in the United States District Court in Macon, Georgia on February 11, 2015, which charged 35 defendants with drug trafficking and money laundering offenses. During "Operation Southern Postal Powder", Federal agents, assisted by state and local law enforcement officers, investigated a large scale drug organization based in Macon, Georgia. Over the course of the investigation, federal agents seized large amounts of cocaine and marijuana.

Penalties for the charges range from ten years up to life in prison without parole. Fines range from \$500,000 to 10 million dollars.

United States Attorney Michael Moore stated: "This operation is the essence of law enforcement collaboration and teamwork to remove illegal drugs and to punish those who violate Federal narcotics laws."

"The Postal Inspection Service is committed to preventing the US Mail from being used as a conduit for narcotic trafficking. We could not be successful without the collaborative efforts of our local, State, and Federal partners," stated Assistant Inspector in Charge Barney D. Morris.

Daniel R. Salter, Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Atlanta Field Division remarked that the indictment, "is a victory, not only for the multitude of law enforcement agencies who dismantled this organization, but for the citizens of Macon, Griffin and Atlanta, Georgia." He further stated that "this effort would not have been successful without the mission-oriented cooperation between our federal, state and local law enforcement counterparts."

"We would like this operation to serve as a strong message to individuals throughout the region that we will not stand for the destruction that drugs and related criminal activity bring to our communities, stated Veronica F. Hyman-Pillot, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation. "We will do everything within our power to assist our law enforcement partners with financially disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking organizations and stopping the violence and corruption they inflict upon society."

A copy of the indictment is attached. The indictment is only an allegation of criminal conduct. Each person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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The case was investigated by the US Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Bibb County Sheriff's Office, and the Peach County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Charles Calhoun and Sonja Profit are prosecuting the case for the Government.

For additional information, please contact Pamela Lightsey at (478) 621-2603.

<b>DEFENDANTS</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
1) THADDEUS LAVETTE BONDS aka "STUPID,"	33	Macon, GA
2) DAVID RAY FELLS,	33	Eureka, CA
3) TIMMIE ANDERSON,	37	Oklahoma City, OK
4) TIFFANY McGRUDER,	32	Phoenix, AZ
5) MICHAEL THOMAS aka "POP,"	59	Conyers, GA
6) TAMIKA ANDERSON,	34	Phoenix, AZ
7) SHANNON MILLER,	23	Eureka, CA
8) BRANDON VITALE,	24	Fields Landing, CA
9) MICHELLE RAINEY (THOMAS),	48	Conyers, GA
10) KARL ANTHONY BOWEN,	68	Phoenix, AZ
11) ONTARIAN GREEN aka "SHENARD,"	45	Macon, GA
12) WILLIE EDWARD OWENS, JR. aka "TINK,"	43	Macon, GA
13) KEVIN LORENZ TAYLOR aka "K.T.,"	41	Macon, GA
14) GILBERT BALKCOM, JR. aka "SI MAN,"	36	Macon, GA
15) ARTEIUS CHUNTERA COTTON aka "TARA,"	30	Macon, GA
16) TRAKNOVOISE SIMMONS aka "ROD,"	37	Macon, GA
17) AUDREA LAMONT LAWRENCE aka "DRE,"	39	Macon, GA
18) ERIC KEITH BROWN aka "FIRE,"	44	Macon, GA
19) DONNIE WILLIAM BROWN aka "BIG DONNIE,"	35	Macon, GA
20) HAROLD HOLLAND,	58	Atlanta, GA
21) JEREMEY BARKLEY aka "BLOCKO,"	33	
22) ANTONIO BERNARD RILEY aka "SLICK,"	39	Macon, GA
23) ANTWON ABRAMS,	29	Macon, GA
24) COREY BARKLEY,	32	Griffin, GA
25) QUATERRIO BARKLEY,	34	Griffin, GA
26) ANTWOIN BELL,	29	Macon, GA
27) NAKIA FEAZELL,	35	
28) TAMEKA GRIFFIN,	34	Macon, GA
29) ANGEL CROSBY	37	Macon, GA
30) KIMBERLY JUHAN,	30	Macon, GA

31) JEREMY THOMAS,	41	Macon, GA
32) MARCUS RANDALL,	36	Covington, GA
33) AWRIS SMITH,	35	
34) JIMMY WALKER,	36	Macon, GA
35) MARIA WHITE,	41	Phoenix, AZ

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Moore" with a date "7/6/98" written below the name.

MICHAEL J. MOORE  
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