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NEWS FROM THE DELAWARE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SUMMER 2008 CASE ROUND UP

6/17/08 William Washington Sentenced for Drug Trafficking

MEDIA-- Assistant District Attorney Gina Gorbey, on behalf of District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted William Washington. Washington was convicted on May 9, 2008 of Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver. The case arose when Upper Darby Police Officers executed a search warrant as part of "Operation Weed and Seed." The defendant was also in possession of a gun.

On June 17, 2008, the Honorable William Toal, Jr. sentenced Washington to a mandatory minimum of 5 years to 10 years in prison for possessing the firearm in conjunction with his drug conviction.

7/10/08 Tyrone Miller Convicted of First Degree Murder

MEDIA-- Assistant District Attorney Gina Gorbey, on behalf of District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Tyrone Miller. On February 25, 2008, Darby Township Police Officers arrived at Miller's residence and discovered Miller had shot his stepfather, Orphus Land, ten times. The Commonwealth presented evidence, including from the defendant's own journal, that Miller hated his stepfather and wanted be rid of him. On July 10, 2008, a jury found Miller guilty of First Degree Murder.

Sentencing is set for September 17, 2008 before the Honorable Chad F. Kenney. Miller faces a mandatory life sentence.

7/23/08 Chester Man Sentenced For Heroin Sales

MEDIA-- Assistant District Attorney Meaghan Wagner, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Julian Rodriguez for narcotics offenses committed on Christmas Day 2006. City of Chester Police Officers William Carey and Stephen Sheppleman observed a heroin transaction in the 600 block of Green Street. The defendant had a system where one man handled the drugs, one handled the

money and a third acted as the look out for law enforcement. This offense was committed in a school zone.

On May 1, 2008, the Honorable Ann Osborne convicted Rodriguez of Possession with Intent to Deliver, Criminal Conspiracy to Possession with Intent to Deliver, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Paraphernalia. This was Rodriguez's second conviction for Possession with Intent to Deliver.

At sentencing on July 23, 2008, Officers Carey and Sheppelman told Judge Osborne the law-abiding citizens of Chester can't come out of their homes due to the drug dealers on the corners. The Commonwealth requested an aggravated range sentence. Judge Osborne agreed with the Commonwealth and sentenced the defendant to a minimum of 4 years and a maximum of 8 years in prison with 3 years of consecutive probation.

7/28/08 Gines Sentenced for Shooting Police Officer

MEDIA-- Deputy District Attorney Daniel J. McDevitt prosecuted Andrew Gines for attempted murder and related offenses in the shooting of two police officers in Norwood Borough in January 1, 2007. Gines was convicted. On July 28, 2008, the Honorable Patricia H. Jenkins sentenced Gines to a minimum of 30 years to 60 years in state prison. Gines has a prior conviction for manslaughter in the shooting death of a 21-year-old woman in Maryland in 1972.

8/4/08 Man Convicted of Aggravated Assault

MEDIA-- Deputy District Attorney Michael Galantino, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted John Gabe for an assault against his ex-girlfriend in which he punched and kicked her before pushing her off a 15-foot embankment in Kent Park near the Darby Creek. On August 4, 2008, Gabe was convicted of Simple Assault, Aggravated Assault and Terroristic Threats. Gabe will be sentenced in October.

8/4/08 Dwight West Sentenced For Robbery and Assault

MEDIA-- Assistant District Attorney Shannon Miller, on behalf of District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Dwight West for a robbery and assault investigated by Sergeant Mike Irey of the Nether Providence Police Department. On June 2, 2007, the victim met the defendant and invited him over to his apartment. The defendant attacked the victim, threatened him with a hammer and forced him to drive to an ATM machine where the defendant withdrew \$500 from the victim's account. The defendant was tied to the crime by DNA evidence, the victim's identification and the ATM surveillance photos. On July 3, 2008, a jury found the defendant guilty of Robbery, Aggravated Assault and Access Device Fraud.

On August 4, 2008, the Honorable Frank T. Hazel sentenced the defendant to a minimum of 11 and one half years to 23 years in prison.

8/7/08 Clifford Wayne Loftus Convicted of Indecent Assaults on Child

MEDIA-- Assistant District Attorney Joseph Lesniak, on behalf of District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Clifford Wayne Loftus for crimes committed during the summer of 2000 on a 4-year-old child victim. Loftus repeatedly fondled the victim. Threatened by Loftus that he would beat her mother, the victim kept quiet for over six years.

In 2006, the victim disclosed what happened. On August 8, 2008, a jury convicted Loftus of 8 Counts of Indecent Assault and 8 Counts of Corruption of Minors. Loftus was ordered to undergo a psychosexual evaluation and a state mandated Sexual Offenders Assessment. Sentencing is scheduled for November 10, 2008.

8/13/08 Woman Found Guilty of Animal Cruelty

MEDIA-- Assistant District Attorney Lynorr Hiller, on behalf of Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Elizabeth Cardone for Cruelty to Animals stemming from her failure to provide necessary veterinary care to her elderly pony, Happy Hour.

On August 13, 2008, the Honorable Edward J. Zetusky, Jr. found Cardone guilty and sentenced her to pay a \$200 fine and court costs. The defendant must also pay restitution to the Large Animal Protection Society in the amount of \$1,323.45 for reimbursement of veterinary expenses.

8/21/08 Armed Career Criminal Jervis Pringle Convicted of Firearms Charges; Faces Life in Prison

MEDIA and PHILADELPHIA-- Assistant District Attorney and Special Assistant United States Attorney James Halligan, on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office and Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Jervis Jermaine Pringle, 36, of Chester. On August 21, 2008, Pringle was convicted of being a felon in possession of a weapon. Pringle has four felony convictions and qualifies as an armed career criminal. He faces the possibility of life in prison when sentenced.

The case arose on January 12, 2007 when a Chester City detective and an FBI special agent assigned to the Delaware County District Attorney's Narcotics Task Force executed a search warrant at Pringle's Chester home. Police recovered a loaded .40 caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun, \$6,991 in cash, an empty .40 caliber magazine clip for a handgun and a holster.

9/4/08 Chester Drug Trafficker Darren Cephas Convicted of Intent to Distribute 520 grams of Cocaine; Faces 15 years to Life in Prison

MEDIA and PHILADELPHIA-- Assistant District Attorney and Special Assistant United States Attorney Sharon McKenna, on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office and Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, prosecuted Darren Cephas, 38, of Chester. Cephas was convicted of possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine, possession of two loaded firearms in furtherance of that drug trafficking crime and being a convicted felon in possession of firearms. Cephas faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years with the possibility of a life sentence.

The case arose on April 26, 2007 when members of the Delaware County District Attorney's Narcotics Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives and the Marple Township Police Department executed a search warrant at Cephas' Chester home. The law enforcement officers found a total of 520 grams of cocaine, \$22,700 cash and two loaded handguns