



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DELAWARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
201 WEST FRONT STREET
MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19063

(610) 891-4161

G.MICHAEL GREEN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MICHAEL J. MATTSON
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: May 27, 2009

CONTACT PERSONS:

Michael Mattson – (610) 891-6089

Drug Dealer Sentenced to Four to Eight Years

Media, PA - Delaware County District Attorney Mike Green announced today that Styles Beckles was sentenced by Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Judge Barry Dozor to four to eight years in a State Correctional Institute plus 2 years consecutive State Probation. Beckles was convicted by a Delaware County jury on March 19, 2009 of two counts of Possession with the Intent to Deliver Marihuana, Ungraded Felonies in Pennsylvania.

The charges and conviction stem from a search of Beckles's home which yielded 487 glass vials of a highly potent type of Marihuana called "Kush". Additionally found in Beckles' home were "owe sheets", scales, numerous empty vials and other drug paraphernalia, and \$1,324.00 in U.S. Currency. A coinciding search of Beckles's vehicle also yielded an additional 115 vials of "Kush" marihuana. Other evidence presented at trial suggested that Beckles had previously sold drugs to several prominent Philadelphia athletes, including Correll Buckhalter formerly of the Philadelphia Eagles and Keita Crespina of the Philadelphia Soul. Beckles' attorney contended that the evidence presented by the Commonwealth was fabricated and that Beckles was not guilty of the charges, however the jury disagreed. After more than three days of testimony and evidence, the jury returned a guilty verdict in less than one hour.

At sentencing, Deputy District Attorney Katayoun Copeland, who prosecuted the case, presented evidence that the marihuana possessed by Beckles was within 1000 feet of the real property of a school and invoked the mandatory minimum sentence of two years for each count of Possession with the Intent to Deliver. Copeland additionally argued that the sentences should be run consecutive to each other. Judge Dozor agreed and sentenced Beckles to two consecutive mandatory minimum terms plus a consecutive period of probation for an aggregate sentence of four to eight years in a State Correctional Institute plus two years consecutive state probation.

Trooper Michael Skahill of the Pennsylvania State Police was the lead investigator in the case and the case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Katayoun Copeland.

###