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TO: Media  
FROM: Jody Pickens, District Attorney General, 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
RE: Member of the Crips Criminal Street Gang Sentenced to 44 years for Guns, Drugs

On June 17, 2020, Devin Jerrod Long, thirty-two years of age of Jackson, Tennessee, was arrested by the Jackson Police Department for Possession of Heroin With Intent to Sell/Deliver and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Dangerous Felony for which he posted bond. Long is a confirmed member of the Crips criminal street gang and has several prior felony including convictions for Possession of Schedule VI Controlled Substance With the Intent to Sell/Deliver, Possession of Schedule IV Controlled Substance with the Intent to Sell/Deliver, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Dangerous Felony, and two convictions for Introduction of Contraband Into a Penal Institution.

On December 17, 2020, while on bond, Long was arrested a second time by the Jackson Police Department and charged with several additional felony drug offenses including Possession of Heroin With the Intent to Sell/Deliver, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Dangerous Felony, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. He remained in custody following his second arrest.

On January 31, 2022, a Madison County Grand Jury indicted Long for both incidents and on August 14, 2023, he entered a plea to both indictments ultimately receiving seventeen years for the June 17<sup>th</sup> arrest and another twenty-seven years for the December 17<sup>th</sup> arrest. The sentences were consecutive as a matter of law because he committed felonies while on bond for other felonies. His total effective sentence is forty-four years to serve in the Tennessee Department of Correction.

"My office, the Jackson Police Department, and the Madison County Sheriff's Department are all committed to prosecuting members of criminal street gangs to the fullest extent that the law and facts will allow," said General Pickens. "Even after having been sent to the Tennessee Department of Correction for felony drug and weapons charges, once released this Defendant continued to pursue an anti-social lifestyle by being a member of the Crips criminal street gang and continuing to go armed and engage in drug trafficking all while being a convicted felon. Felons, drugs, and guns are not a good mix. Hopefully now this Defendant has learned that lesson. It would have been better for all involved if the defendant had made different choices but regrettably, he did not."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney General Brad Champine. The case officers include Investigator Ashley Robertson, Officer Terry Troutt, Investigator Rodney Savage, Investigator Michael Byrd, Investigator Adam Brown, Sergeant Adam Pinion and Investigator Robert Pomeroy all of the Jackson Police Department as well as Sergeant Nathaniel Shoate of the Madison County Sheriff's Department.