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**FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS LUTCHER POLICE CHIEF**

**NEW ORLEANS , LOUISIANA** - Jim Letten, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, William J. Renton, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and James Bernazzani, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced today that a Federal Grand Jury sitting in the Eastern District of Louisiana returned an indictment on Thursday, August 25, 2005 against **COREY PITTMAN**, the Police Chief of the Lutcher Police Department, age 29, a resident of Lutcher, Louisiana, for three counts of distributing five (5) grams or more of cocaine base (crack). On June 24, 2005, August 8, 2005, and August 12, 2005, **PITTMAN** sold 5 grams or more of cocaine base (crack) to a DEA confidential source. The June 24, 2005 distribution occurred in the Mt. Airey area of St. John Parish while the August 8, 2005 and August 12, 2005 distributions occurred in Reserve, Louisiana.

As to each count, **PITTMAN** faces a minimum term of imprisonment of five (5) years and a maximum term of imprisonment of forty (40) years, a maximum fine of \$2,000,000 and at least four (4) years of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

U. S. Attorney Letten reminds the press and public that an indictment is a formal accusation and that the defendant must therefore be presumed innocent until adjudicated guilty based upon proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Litigation Counsel Albert J. Winters, Jr. and Assistant U. S. Attorney William J. Quinlan, Jr.

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