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Operation Holiday Express Lands Another Major Drug Conviction

On February 26, 2004, Lansing Police Officers Joel Mires and Nicolas Hughett were checking a suspicious subject outside the Econo Lodge motel in south Lansing. The officers checking this subject discovered a significant amount of cocaine, marijuana and US currency.

The 2004 arrest and seizures at Econo Lodge led investigators from the Lansing Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the United States Attorneys Office on a six-year journey, which has culminated in the dismantling of a large network of narcotic traffickers who were based in Lansing, Detroit and Los Angeles. The case has resulted in the indictment and convictions of over 32 individuals, significant asset seizures, and has led investigators to Detroit, New York, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles.

On Friday, October 29, 2010 Charles Jackson, Sr., 47, of Los Angeles, California, was sentenced to life in prison following his convictions earlier this year for cocaine and money laundering conspiracy crimes. The sentence was imposed by Chief U. S. District Judge Paul L. Maloney in Kalamazoo.

Chief Teresa Szymanski stated: "The conviction and sentencing of Charles Jackson, 47, of Los Angeles, to life in prison serves as a testament to the investigative efforts which have been brought forth through our partnerships with the ATF and the United States Attorneys Office. It also serves to show the extraordinary efforts that the Lansing Police Department will pursue to shut down narcotic trafficking in the Greater Lansing community."

Lt. Larry S. Klaus of the Lansing Police Department Special Operations Section stated, "The conviction of Mr. Jackson should serve notice to those involved in illegal narcotic and weapons trafficking in the Greater Lansing community. The Lansing Police Department is committed to working with our federal partners and we will commit our resources to apprehend and convict dangerous felons, regardless of where they may reside, in an effort to keep our community safe."

"The Lansing Police Department is proud of the investigative efforts of the law enforcement professionals assigned to the Special Operations Section, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the United States Attorneys Office and especially for the efforts of United States Attorney Brian Lennon, ATF Agent Steven Toth, and LPD Sergeants Daniel Zolnai, Hung Tran and William Brynes for their efforts in this six-year investigation", stated Chief Szymanski.

The Lansing Police Department will be holding a press conference today at 1 p.m. at Headquarters (120 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933) in the 2nd floor conference room. Expected participants include Mayor Virg Bernero, United States Attorney Donald A. Davis, Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney Stuart Dunning, Lt. Larry Klaus and Chief Teresa Szymanski.
