

**STATE OF OHIO V.
FREDERICK COVINGTON,
CASSIDY GREEN, AND
NATASHA GAITHER**

Cassidy Green sentenced to 15 years for trafficking in cocaine

On August 6, 2012, Cassidy Green and Natasha Gaither pled guilty to multiple charges in connection with their role in a cocaine trafficking organization in Springfield. The remaining defendant, Frederick Covington will be tried before a Clark County jury on September 25, 2012 before Judge Douglas Rastatter of the Clark County Common Pleas Court. On August 30, 2012, Judge Rastatter sentenced Cassidy Green to a total of fifteen years in prison for trafficking in cocaine and other charges. Natasha Gaither was sentenced to two years in prison for her role in the organization.

Cassidy Green pled guilty to engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, four counts of trafficking in cocaine, and one count of possession of marijuana. He faces a mandatory minimum prison term of 11 years and a possible maximum term of 45 years. Green will also have to forfeit to the State of Ohio his 2004 Cadillac used to commit one of the offenses as well as a number of large flat-panel TVs and \$488.00 in cash as illegal proceeds of drug trafficking.

Gaither pled guilty to engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity and possession of cocaine. She faces a possible maximum prison term of 3 years. Gaither will have to forfeit to the State of Ohio \$6,554.00 in cash and a large flat-panel TV, as illegal proceeds of drug trafficking.

Clark County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Andrew Picek represents the State of Ohio in the case. Detective Jason Via of the Springfield Police Division was the lead investigator in the case.