

**COCAINE, HEROIN TRAFFICKER PLEDS GUILTY
SENTENCING SET FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2013**

Lemarr Jennings of Dayton, Ohio, pled guilty to cocaine and heroin trafficking charges, and having weapons under disability in Clark County Common Pleas Court on January 22, 2013. Jennings faces a mandatory minimum of 3 years in prison, with a possible maximum penalty of 22 years in prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Rastatter on February 8, 2013 at 2:00 PM.

The charges stem from an investigation by the Springfield Police Division Narcotics Unit. On October 12, 2012, detectives were conducting surveillance in response to numerous complaints in the area, when they observed Jennings behaving suspiciously after noticing the detectives were present. Jennings exited a rental vehicle and entered the residence at 55 W. Parkwood Ave., carrying an object concealed in a shirt. A short time later, an unknown individual left the residence and drove the rental vehicle away. Police attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle and briefly pursued the vehicle, but were unable to apprehend the suspect. While detectives were in the process of obtaining a search warrant for the residence, Jennings was taken into custody as he tried to escape out a side door of the neighboring unit.

Upon searching the residence, detectives located approximately 50 grams of heroin and 86 grams of crack cocaine. Two stolen firearms were recovered, one of which was stolen in a recent break-in at a local firearms store and the other in a recent burglary. Additionally, detectives seized a sawed-off shotgun and over \$7,000 in cash.

Clark County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Andrew R. Picek represents the State of Ohio in the case. Detectives William D. Speakman and J.R. Mitchell of the Springfield Police Division were the lead investigators.