

BLACK GETS 82 MONTHS FOR MONEY LAUNDERING

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William (Tank) **Black** , a top national sports agent who pleaded guilty to **laundering money for** drug dealers, was sentenced Thursday in Detroit to **82 months** in prison **for money laundering** .

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Zatkoff also fined **Black** \$15,000 and required him to serve three years of supervised release after **Black** finishes his prison sentence.

Black , 44, of Columbia, S.C., helped drug traffickers transfer more than \$1 million in cash from Detroit through Columbia, S.C., into the Cayman Islands and back into the United States, using a complex series of shell corporations and offshore bank accounts, according to court records.

The prosecution was the result of a three-year investigation spearheaded by the IRS.

Black also has charges pending in Florida **for** wire and mail fraud, conspiracy and **money laundering** resulting from his representation of professional athletes. He is expected to stand trial this summer.

He also is under indictment in East Baton Rouge, La., allegedly **for** conspiring with two other people to bribe Louisiana State University athletic employees to recruit players early to professional sports.

Black is at Milan Federal Correctional Facility.

Two of **Black** 's alleged associates, convicted drug traffickers Dean Parker, 32, and his wife, Kimberly Parker, 30, formerly of Southfield, have been fugitives since 1998. Anyone with information about their whereabouts should call their local FBI office or the U.S. Marshals Service.

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