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Cousins Sentenced on Federal Charges for Distributing PCP, Sold Drugs in Clay Terrace Area in Northeast Washington

WASHINGTON - Monique Ware and her cousin, Gene Anderson, both 31, and both from Northeast Washington, were sentenced today to prison terms on federal charges involving the sale of PCP, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., Cathy L. Lanier, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and Ava A. Cooper-Davis, Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The cousins pled guilty in November 2010, in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Ware was sentenced to a six-year prison term for conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute PCP. Anderson was sentenced to a term of 12 years incarceration on a charge of distribution of PCP. Both were sentenced today by the Honorable Judge Rosemary M. Collyer.

Ware and Anderson lived and sold PCP in or near the Clay Terrace area in Washington, D.C. According to the government's proffer of evidence, from January 2006 until September 2008, Ware and others received large amounts of PCP from wholesalers in and around her home in the 300 block of 53rd Street NE. She paid large amounts of U.S. currency to her suppliers when she received shipments of PCP from wholesalers. Anderson was among those delivering the drugs.

The prosecution grew out of the efforts of the federal Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, a multi-agency team that conducts comprehensive, multi-level attacks on major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. The principal mission of the nationwide program is to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking and money laundering organizations and those primarily responsible for the nation's drug supply.

In announcing the sentences, U.S. Attorney Machen, Chief Lanier and Special Agent in Charge Cooper-Davis praised the work of the MPD personnel who pursued the case, including Officers Joseph Abdalla, Derek Starliper, Alvin Cardinal, and Vincent Witkowski; Officer

Hayward Bennett, a fingerprint specialist, and Detective Kevin Copeland. They also cited the efforts of the Special Agents, Task Force Officers, and Forensic Chemists from the DEA's Washington Division Mobile Enforcement Team (MET).

U.S. Attorney Machen, Chief Lanier and Special Agent in Charge Cooper-Davis also praised the work of employees from the U.S. Attorney's office, including Litigation Support personnel Jeanie Latimore Brown and Joseph Calvarese; Intelligence Specialists Sharon Johnson and Frank Morgan, and M. Laverne Forrest and Shawn Slade, of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit. They also expressed appreciation for the work of Paralegal Supervisor Mary Downing and Paralegals Candace Battle, Regan Gibson, Sam Reisen, and Brendan Tracz; Legal Assistants Eric Urschel, Diane Brashears, and Tammy Scott. Finally, they thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Emory V. Cole and Kenneth Whitted, who indicted and prosecuted the case.

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