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### **ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE COCAINE FOR RESALE**

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; LARRY FORD, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF); RICHARD W. SANDERS, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); RICHARD A. MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and STEVEN PUGH, Rockford Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **NATHAN GREGORY**, 27 (DOB: 7/13/76), 3428 Packard Parkway, Rockford, Illinois, to 192 months in federal prison without parole for attempting to purchase a half kilogram (1.1 pounds) of cocaine to resell. In imposing the sentence, Judge Reinhard found that Gregory was a “career offender,” which resulted in Gregory receiving a higher sentence because of his prior criminal record.

Gregory pleaded guilty on November 4, 2003. At the time of his guilty plea, Gregory admitted that on April 7, 2003, he arranged to purchase a half kilogram of cocaine from another individual. Gregory admitted he told his source of supply that he would give him the money for the half kilogram of cocaine up front, and his source could drop the cocaine into a trash can down the street from Gregory’s house. Gregory admitted that he told his source of supply that he would give him between \$6,000 and \$6,300 for a half kilogram of cocaine. Gregory admitted he met at his house with his source of supply on April 8, 2003, and agreed to purchase a half kilogram of cocaine for \$6,200. Gregory then gave his source of supply \$3,000 in cash as an advance for the half kilogram of cocaine that he intended to purchase the following day. On April 9, 2003, a federal search warrant was executed at Gregory’s residence. At that time, law enforcement authorities recovered drug paraphernalia, \$3,000 in cash, and firearms. Gregory was arrested the same day.

In addition to 192 months in prison, the court ordered Gregory to serve five years of supervised release following his release from prison, to pay a fine of \$500, and ordered forfeiture of \$6,000 and three firearms. Further, the court ordered that Gregory be denied federal benefits for ten years after his release from prison.

The case was investigated by the Rockford offices of the ATF and DEA, and the Rockford-Winnebago County Metro Narcotics Unit. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael F. Iasparro.

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