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ROCKFORD AREA RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; RICHARD W. SANDERS, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration; PAUL LOGLI, Winnebago County State’s Attorney; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; and STEVEN PUGH, Rockford Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

DARYL LEWIS, 35 (DOB: 4/22/1970), formerly of 422 Underwood, Rockford, Illinois, pled guilty today in Rockford federal court to illegally distributing 61.9 grams of cocaine base (“crack cocaine”). In pleading guilty, Lewis admitted that on September 9, 2004, he sold 61.9 grams of crack cocaine outside of his residence in Rockford.

Sentencing for Lewis is scheduled for August 5, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. Lewis faces a maximum potential sentence of life in prison, a fine of up to \$4,000,000, a term of supervised release of at least five years following imprisonment and up to life, and any restitution ordered by the court. The actual sentence will be determined by a United States District Court Judge, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by Rockford office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Rockford-Winnebago County Metro Narcotics Unit. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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