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WISCONSIN RAPIDS MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR PARTICIPATION IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Anselmo Herrera a/k/a "Memo," 35, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 10 years in prison for his role in conspiring to deliver cocaine in the Portage County area from 2006 through 2009.

Anselmo Herrera was one of six persons indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2009, and is the last defendant to be sentenced. The indictment charged five defendants, including Anselmo Herrera, with their participation in a conspiracy which involved more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and also charged eleven counts of distribution by various participants from November 2007 through January 2009. In sentencing Herrera, Judge Crabb noted that although he had no prior convictions, he was the main source of a large scale drug conspiracy that had serious repercussions for the Central Wisconsin community.

Ramone Molina-Marin, 33, of Wisconsin Rapids, was sentenced to 21 months in prison on March 19, 2010, for his involvement in distribution of cocaine at a Wisconsin Rapids bar in November 2007, connected with the conspiracy. James Boe, 22, of Plainfield, Wis., was sentenced on April 1, 2010, to 120 months in prison; Juan Rodriguez-Moreno, a/k/a "Paco," 28, of Almond, Wis., was sentenced on April 2, 2010, to 120 months in prison; and Alfredo Herrera, 27, of Stevens Point, Wis., was sentenced on April 9, 2010, to five years in prison. Vanessa Rodriguez, 26, of Almond, was sentenced on April 14, 2010, to five years probation for her role in making two deliveries of cocaine at the direction of her husband, Juan Rodriguez-Moreno.

The charges against Anselmo Herrera were the result of an investigation conducted by the Portage County Sheriff's Department; Stevens Point Police Department; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Wood County Sheriff's Office; and Marshfield Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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