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STEVENS POINT MAN SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS FOR INVOLVEMENT IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Alfredo Herrera, 27, Stevens Point, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 60 months in prison for his involvement in a conspiracy with others in the Bancroft and Plainfield, Wis. areas to distribute cocaine from 2006 through 2009.

Alfredo Herrera was one of six persons indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2009 and is the third defendant to be sentenced. The indictment charged five of the defendants with their participation in the 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.

Five of the defendants pleaded guilty to their involvement in cocaine trafficking charges before trial. Alfredo Herrera was found guilty of conspiring to distribute and distributing cocaine on February 2, 2010, in federal court in Madison following a two-day jury trial. Evidence presented at trial showed that during 2007 and 2008, Alfredo Herrera assisted his brother Anselmo "Memo" Herrera in the distribution of cocaine to numerous customers and lower-level distributors with whom Anselmo had an ongoing relationship as their cocaine supplier.

Juan Rodriguez-Moreno, a/k/a "Paco," 28, of Almond, Wis. and James Boe, 22, of Plainfield, were each sentenced last week to 120 months in prison for their involvement in the conspiracy. Ramone Molina-Marin 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. Anselmo Herrera and Vanessa Rodriguez are scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Crabb next week.

The charges against Alfredo 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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