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## FORMER PLATTEVILLE POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Michelle V. Salentine, 29, of Platteville, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to one year and one day in federal prison for maintaining her residence for the purpose of using crack cocaine. Salentine had previously pleaded guilty in October 2010 to a one-count criminal information.

The investigation began in December 2009 when federal agents received information that Salentine, while a police officer with the Platteville Police Department, was smoking crack cocaine while on duty. The agents continued to investigate the matter and on April 26, 2010, executed a search warrant at Salentine's residence in Platteville, recovering drugs and drug paraphernalia.

According to United States Attorney Vaudreuil, the Platteville Police Department did not have knowledge of Salentine's illegal activity prior to her arrest and fully cooperated with the investigation.

The charges against Salentine were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Anderson.

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