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7th HEROIN DISTRIBUTOR SENTENCED TO PRISON

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Cherish Jones, 21, Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to two years in prison for distributing heroin. Jones pleaded guilty to this charge on October 29, 2009.

Jones was arrested on August 11, 2009, at the motel room where she was living in Madison. Pursuant to a search warrant, police recovered approximately 96 grams of heroin and 57 grams of oxycontin in addition to other evidence that Jones was involved in the distribution of heroin.

Judge Crabb noted that Jones was used by Chavis Webster and that he convinced her to distribute and store heroin for him. However, Judge Crabb stated that Jones had to held accountable for her own choices because she knowingly engaged in criminal acts.

Jones is the seventh of nine defendants to be sentenced in federal court after a series of arrests in August related to heroin trafficking. Chavis Webster and Yarnell Fuller are scheduled to be sentenced in early February 2010.

The six other individuals were previously sentenced were:

Name	Sentence Imposed
Brian K. Adams	10 years
Michael Adams	3 years
Corey Webster	12 years, 7 months
Eric Dixon	2 years, 3 months

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Derek Farmer	6 years, 6 months
Walter Green	11 years, 3 months

The charges against Jones were the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Madison Police Department; Middleton Police Department; Sun Prairie Police Department; McFarland Police Department; DeForest Police Department; and Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jeffrey M. Anderson and Paul W. Connell.

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