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WISCONSIN RAPIDS MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING COCAINE

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Ramone Molina-Marin, 33, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., was sentenced Friday, March 19, by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 21 months in prison for distributing cocaine in November 2007.

Ramone Molina-Marin was on of six persons indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2009 for drug activity in the Portage County area. Five of the defendants, including Molina-Marin, pleaded guilty to their involvement in cocaine trafficking charges before trial. A sixth defendant, Alfredo Herrera, was found guilty of conspiring to distribute and distributing cocaine following a jury trial in February 2010 in federal court in Madison. Anselmo Herrera, James Boe, Juan Rodriguez Moreno, Vanessa Rodriguez, and Alfredo Herrera are all scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Barbara B. Crabb in April.

The charge against Ramon Molina-Marin was 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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