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TWENTY-SECOND DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN ST. CROIX TRIBAL DRUG INVESTIGATION

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Derrick Rapley, 31, Detroit, was sentenced yesterday to 13 years in prison without parole by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb. Rapley previously pleaded guilty to conspiring with others to distribute crack cocaine on St. Croix tribal lands from approximately April 2006 to June 2008.

In sentencing Rapley, Judge Crabb noted his lengthy criminal history which began with a violent carjacking when he was 17, and also the fact that he came to the St. Croix reservation from Detroit, sold crack cocaine, and preyed on a vulnerable population.

With yesterday's sentencing, twenty-two defendants have now been sentenced as a result of this investigation into drug dealing on St. Croix tribal lands. The previous defendants sentenced are set forth below:

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Joseph Merrill	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	4 years
Manley L. Williams	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	8 years, 4 months
Christifer Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	5 years, 6 months
Jean Sonnenberg	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	19 years, 7 months
Bruce Sonnenberg	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	24 years, 4 months

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Amanda Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	3 years, 10 months
George Rainey	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	14 years
Bruce Rainey	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Diana Martin	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	9 years
Margrette Cobb	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	13 years, 4 months
Andrew Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Ericka J. Reynolds	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	1 year, 6 months
Shaleah Reynolds	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	2 years
Michael D. Hammond	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	12 years, 7 months
Steven R. Lang	Distribution of Methamphetamine	4 years
Shana Corbine	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	4 years, 3 months
Linda Lightfeather	Operating a Crack House	5 months
Buck Zehner	Operating a Crack House	8 months
Janeen Mosay	Operating a Crack House	6 months
Frankie Bildeau	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	12 months, 1 day
Broderick Swain	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	54 months

United States Attorney Sinnott stated that yesterday's sentencing was the result of a long-term investigation being conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Federal Bureau of Investigation; St. Croix Tribal Police Department; Rice Lake Police Department; Barron County Sheriff's Department; Burnett

County Sheriff's Department; Sawyer County Sheriff's Department; Polk County Sheriff's Department; Native American Drug & Gang Initiative; and Wisconsin State Patrol.

As set out above, twenty-two defendants have now been convicted of federal drug offenses as a result of this investigation. Louis and Brandon Belisle pleaded guilty on April 14 and will be sentenced on July 12. John Carr, Derrick Rapley, and Broderick Swain were charged in a nine-count indictment returned by the grand jury on December 2, 2009. John Carr is scheduled to plead guilty on May 26, 2010.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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