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18th MEMBER OF COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY SENTENCED TO PRISON

Madison, Wisconsin -- John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Angel Ayala-Pineda, 28, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to 15 months in prison without parole for distributing cocaine.

Ayala-Pineda is the 18th drug dealer sentenced to prison as a result of the long-term drug investigation that began in November 2007, in Jefferson County. The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Dodge County Sheriff's Department; Jefferson County Drug Task Force; Fort Atkinson Police Department; Watertown Police Department; and Janesville Police Department.

Seventeen other individuals were previously sentenced:

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Maximo Pineda-Buenaventura	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Servando Herrera-Vazquez	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	11 years, 8 months
Efrain Pineda-Buenaventura	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	10 years
Teodulo Pineda-Buenaventura	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	5 years
Otoniel Mendoza	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	5 years

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
James Hrobsky	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	2 years, 6 months
Will Bryant	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	4 years, 4 months
Jesus Duque-Pineda	Distribution of Cocaine	6 months
Arturo Pineda-Lopez	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	3 years, 1 month
Perfecto Pineda-Duque	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	3 years, months
Juan C. Pineda-Pineda	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	1 year
Harold Hausz	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	5 years
Eli Torres-Banos	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	1 year
Gerado Pineda-Soria	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	2 years, 6 months
Arnold Wood	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	5 years
Scott Thorsen	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	4 years, 6 months
Martin Pineda-Pineda a/k/a Magin Avellaneda-Avila	Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine	4 years, 3 months

Pursuant to federal law, all of these sentences are being served without the possibility of parole. In addition, two individuals who have been indicted for their role in the conspiracy remain fugitives: Celestino Velazquez-Rodriguez and Emmanuel Pineda-Gonzalez.

Beginning in February 2008, the United States received authority from U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to conduct wiretaps on several of the telephones being used by Maximo and Efrain Pineda-Buenaventura to conduct a drug operation run out

of multiple dwellings in Watertown and a residence in Janesville. Approximately 8,000 calls were monitored by law enforcement officers between February and June 2008 in which Ayala-Pineda and others were overheard conducting drug transactions and making arrangements to facilitate the sale of large amounts of cocaine in the Western District of Wisconsin.

On June 19, 2008, law enforcement officers executed 11 search warrants in the Western and Eastern Districts of Wisconsin, resulting in the arrest of several defendants in Watertown, the seizure of over \$100,000 in U.S. currency, several automobiles, and multiple kilograms of cocaine.

Prior to the execution of those search warrants, Ayala-Pineda left Jefferson County and returned to Mexico. He returned to Watertown at some point in 2009 and was arrested on May 21, 2010, by local law enforcement officers who saw him at a gas station.

The prosecution of this case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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