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FITCHBURG MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MARIJUANA CHARGE

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jacob Stadfeld, 34, Fitchburg, Wis., was convicted today of conspiracy to distribute marijuana following a three-day trial in federal court in Madison. The conspiracy involved more than 100 kilograms of marijuana. The jury deliberated for three hours before reaching a verdict.

U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for November 10, 2010, at 1:20 p.m.. Stadfeld faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in federal prison.

Brent Delzer pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge on August 23 and will be sentenced on October 22. Four other individuals have been convicted in federal court of charges related to this marijuana conspiracy. Reed Rogala, who admitted to driving marijuana to Madison and paying others to drive marijuana to Madison, was sentenced to 151 months. Hal Taback was sentenced to 46 months, Brian Hutchinson was sentenced to 27 months, and Destin Layne was sentenced to six months in federal prison.

The charges against Stadfeld were the result of an investigation conducted by the Fitchburg Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Dane County Sheriff's Department, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.