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**THREE SENTENCED IN DRUG CONSPIRACY
INVOLVING MORE THAN 1,000 KILOS OF MARIJUANA**

Six Individuals Convicted for Participating in Conspiracy

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that three men were sentenced today for conspiring to possess marijuana with intent to distribute. U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb sentenced John Baszynski, 32, Madison, Wis., and Michael P. Herrick, 28, Aurora, Ill., each to 46 months in federal prison. Jon Lee, 32, Madison, was sentenced today to 21 months in federal prison.

The following individuals have also been convicted for their roles in this drug conspiracy:

Jason R. Fried, 36, San Diego, sentenced on February 1 to 120 months;
Brooke Sams, 30, Redmond, Wash., sentenced on February 1 to one day; and
David L. Hirsch, 31, Madison, sentenced on November 22, 2010, to 45 months.

Lee was convicted on November 16 following a jury trial; the other five defendants pleaded guilty. Fried was sentenced as the leader of the conspiracy. The conspiracy involved in excess of 1,000 kilograms of marijuana, which was brought to Wisconsin from the Seattle area and distributed in Dane County, from September 2004 to July 2007.

The prosecution of these six individuals was the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

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