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TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – A Logan County couple pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge John T. Copenhagen Jr. to distribution of oxycodone. Ada Sparks, 35, along with husband Charles Vance, 32, both of Mount Gay, West Virginia, each face up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine upon sentencing which is scheduled for April 14, 2011.

The investigation revealed that Sparks and Vance sold Oxycontin pills to a confidential informant working with drug task force agents on numerous occasions. On June 16, 2009, the defendants sold two Oxycontin 80 milligram pills in exchange for \$250. The transaction took place on the Wal-Mart parking lot at Fountain Place Mall in Logan, W.Va. Also, on June 18, 2009, both Sparks and Vance sold two OxyContin 80 milligram pills to a confidential informant on the parking lot of Wendy's restaurant located in Logan, W.Va. Court documents further revealed that on June 29, 2009, the defendants sold two Oxycontin 80 milligram pills to a confidential informant outside of an unidentified residence located in Mount Gay. The two pills were sold for \$200.

The West Virginia State Police and the US 119 Drug and Violent Crime Task Force conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney William King is handling the prosecution.

CHARLESTON MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SELLING CRACK

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – A Kanawha County man was sentenced to prison today for selling crack cocaine. Pedros Munos, 28, of Charleston, West Virginia, was sentenced by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to 37 months and three years of supervised release.

The conviction stemmed from an investigation conducted by Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team ("MDENT") which revealed Munos sold crack cocaine on two different occasions to a confidential informant working with the drug task force. On December 2, 2009 the defendant sold 22.1 grams of crack cocaine to an informant in exchange for \$1200. The transaction took place inside a restroom at the Hardee's restaurant in Charleston, W.Va. Also, on December 11, 2009, court documents revealed Munos sold 20.4 grams of crack cocaine to the same confidential informant at a 7-Eleven store in Charleston, W.Va. in exchange for \$1200 in prerecorded buy money. Following the buy, it was revealed that Munos put \$30 worth of gasoline in his vehicle.

Court documents further revealed that officers arrested the defendant after he purchased the gasoline and recovered \$1170 of the prerecorded buy money.

Assistant United States Attorney Monica Dillon handled the prosecution.

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