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CHARLESTON DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO PRISON

Charleston, W.Va. – Les Van Bumpus, 22, of Charleston was sentenced to 24 months in prison yesterday by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston for selling cocaine base in the Charleston area. Bumpus previously pleaded guilty in April 2010, admitting to the distribution of more than 5 grams of cocaine base.

The conviction stemmed from an investigation conducted by the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (“MDENT”). According to court documents, Bumpus sold a total of 7.63 grams of crack cocaine to a confidential informant working with task force agents on four separate occasions in January 2010. A subsequent search of Bumpus’ residence yielded an additional 24.74 grams of crack cocaine.

The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Monica Dillon.

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