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HUNTINGTON DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGE

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – A Huntington man pleaded guilty on Monday in federal court before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to distribution of cocaine base. Keival L. Kelly, 27, of Huntington admitted to selling cocaine base to a confidential informant. On Sept. 23, 2009, after a prearranged drug buy, Kelly met an informant working with the Huntington Violent Crime and Drug Task Force at an area gas station where the defendant sold \$300 worth of cocaine base. The investigation further revealed that after meeting the informant at the gas station, Kelly got inside a vehicle with the confidential informant and rode back to his residence to complete the transaction. While inside the residence, the confidential informant purchased a quantity of cocaine base from Kelly – the same amount that the defendant had obtained from his source of supply earlier that day. The crack cocaine was tested at the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory with positive results and weighed 2.65 grams.

Kelly faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when he is sentenced on May 2, 2011.

This case is being brought as part of Weed & Seed. In 1991, the Department of Justice established Weed & Seed which is administered by the Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO). Weed & Seed utilizes a community-based, multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and neighborhood restoration to better control violent crime, drug trafficking and drug-related crime in designated high-crime neighborhoods and to provide a safe environment for residents. The Fairfield area in the City of Huntington is a Weed & Seed Community (WSC). For more information about cases and related activities please visit <http://www.justice.gov/usao/wvs/> or <http://www.htngweedandseed.com/index.html> and <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/ws/welcome.html>.

Assistant United States Attorney Gregory McVey is handling the prosecution.

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