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WOOD COUNTY RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Jerry Austin Justus, 32, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, pleaded guilty yesterday before United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to distribution of morphine and carrying a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime. On September 8, 2009, agents with the Parkersburg Violent Crime & Narcotics Task Force utilized a confidential informant to purchase a quantity of morphine from Justus at his residence. During the drug deal, Justus carried a fully loaded, nine millimeter pistol in a holster on his hip and in plain view of those around him. The pistol Justus carried also had a round chambered. Later that day, agents executed a search warrant at the residence and arrested Justus after a brief foot pursuit. As he fled, Justus discarded the pistol, a quantity of drugs, his wallet with identification, and over \$1,000 in cash. Agents located the discarded items and they also seized another magazine for the nine millimeter pistol, a .22 caliber pistol, a box of ammunition for the .22 pistol, a rifle, digital scales, a variety of pills, and related items.

Justus, who is scheduled to be sentenced on September 29, 2010, faces a mandatory minimum of five years and up to life in prison and a \$1.25 million fine. The Parkersburg Violent Crime & Narcotics Task Force conducted the investigation.

DETROIT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CRACK COCAINE CHARGE

BECKLEY, W.Va. – Miles Gregory, 36, of Detroit, Michigan, pleaded guilty yesterday before United States District Judge Irene C. Berger to possession with intent to distribute cocaine base. On January 23, 2010, agents with the Greenbrier County Drug and Violent Crime Task Force arrested Gregory near Dawson in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Upon arrest, agents located more than 50 grams of crack cocaine in Gregory's possession. Gregory subsequently admitted he had brought the drugs from Detroit with the intention of selling them in the Lewisburg, West Virginia area. Gregory, who is scheduled to be sentenced on October 7, 2010, faces a mandatory minimum of five years and up to 40 years in prison and a \$2 million fine. The Greenbrier County Drug and Violent Crime Task Force conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney John L. File is handling the prosecution.

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