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**DETROIT MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN ELEVEN YEARS IN PRISON ON
FEDERAL DRUG CHARGE**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Stanley Smith, 41, of Detroit, was sentenced today to 137 months in prison by United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers on federal drug charges. Smith pleaded guilty in February, admitting to distributing a quantity of cocaine base, also known as “crack.” Smith admitted his involvement in a drug trafficking ring operating in and around Detroit, Huntington and various other cities between 2002 and September 2010. Smith sold approximately one-half ounce of cocaine for \$500 on two different occasions to a confidential informant working for the Huntington Violent Crimes and Drug Task Force during September 2010. On or about September 30, 2010, Smith was stopped by the Huntington Police Department while en route to deliver approximately one-half of an ounce of cocaine base to an informant. That same day, police executed a search warrant on Smith’s Huntington residence where they seized six bags of cocaine base weighing less than one ounce each and another bag containing approximately five grams of cocaine base, among other items.

This case is being brought as part of the Drug Market Intervention (DMI) initiative. The Drug Market Intervention initiative was established in October of 2010 through a partnership between the Office of U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin, the Huntington Police Department, along with support from the Fairfield West Improvement Council, the Fairfield Crime and Safety Committee and several state and local agencies. The initiative is primarily aimed at closing down open-air drug markets that breed crimes of violence and disorder.

This case was investigated by the Huntington Violent Crimes and Drug Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Hanks handled the prosecution.

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