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**DETROIT MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON ON FEDERAL
DRUG CHARGES**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Curtis Lavall Capers, 22, of Detroit, was sentenced today to 87 months in prison by United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers for possession with intent to distribute oxycodone. Capers pleaded guilty to the charge in February. The defendant admitted that from at least the summer of 2007 through on or about September 2, 2010, he took part in distributing certain controlled substances including cocaine base and oxycodone. At some time prior to January 11, 2010, Capers joined a drug trafficking organization known as the “Cash Out Crips” (C.O.C.).

Capers admitted that on or about February 5, 2009, he distributed approximately 8.62 grams of cocaine base to an informant working for the Huntington Violent Crimes and Drug Task Force (HVCDTF). Members of the HVCDTF executed a search warrant at an apartment on or about January 11, 2010, used by the “Cash Out Crips” where police seized 490 grams of cocaine base, approximately 122 80-milligram oxycodone tablets, digital scales, 17 firearms and various types of ammunition. Capers also admitted to selling 3 80-milligram oxycodone tablets to an informant working for the Cabell County Sheriff’s Office. On or about September 2, 2010, police arrested Capers during an arranged drug buy with an informant. Police recovered approximately 67 80-milligram oxycodone tablets from Capers’ person along with a 9-millimeter pistol from his vehicle.

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.

The Huntington Violent Crimes and Drug Task Force (HVCDTF) and the Cabell County Sheriff’s Office conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Hanks handled the prosecution.

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LINCOLN COUNTY COUPLE SENTENCED ON FEDERAL OXYCODONE CHARGES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – A Lincoln County couple was sentenced today by United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers on federal oxycodone charges. Randy Dale Brumfield, Jr., 27, was sentenced to 48 months in prison for distribution of oxycodone. The defendant's wife, Ashley Nicole Brumfield, 25, was sentenced six months home confinement and five years probation for aiding and abetting the distribution of oxycodone. Both defendants pleaded guilty in February to the charges. On October 29, 2009, a confidential informant working for the Huntington Violent Crime and Drug Task Force arranged to make a controlled purchase of one 80-milligram oxycodone pill from Randy Brumfield, Jr. The informant met with Randy and Ashley, at their Hamlin, Lincoln County residence. The Brumfields were sitting in a car parked on their driveway when they met the informant who approached Randy and handed him \$75. Randy admitted that during the drug transaction, he handed the money to Ashley, who in exchange handed Randy one 80-milligram oxycodone pill. Randy also admitted to giving the oxycodone pill to the informant to complete the transaction.

Defendant Randy Brumfield further admitted that he is responsible for distributing 5000 80-milligram oxycodone pills. Defendant Ashley Brumfield admitted that she is responsible for distributing 33 80-milligram oxycodone pills.

This case was prosecuted as part of an ongoing effort led by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia to combat the illicit sale and misuse of prescription drugs. The U.S. Attorney's Office, joined by various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, remain committed to aggressively pursuing and shutting down illegal pill trafficking, eliminating open air drug markets and curtailing the spread of opiate painkillers in communities across the Southern District.

This investigation was conducted by the Huntington Violent Crime and Drug Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Greg McVey handled the prosecution.

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