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**RALEIGH COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR DISTRIBUTING OXYCODONE**

BECKLEY, W. Va. – Michael W. Palmer, 35, of Cool Ridge, West Virginia, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge Irene C. Berger to 27 months in prison for distribution of oxycodone. Palmer previously pleaded guilty in March, admitting he sold 10 oxycodone pills to a West Virginia State Police confidential informant on October 13, 2009 in Ghent, West Virginia. Palmer also admitted that he sold oxycodone pills on two other occasions.

The West Virginia State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigations conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney John L. File handled the prosecution.

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