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GUILTY PLEAS TO DRUG CHARGES

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. – Elizabeth Dawn Powers, 22, of Huntington, WV, pled guilty before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to distribution of cocaine base. Beginning in October 2008, the Huntington Violent Crime Drug Task Force made several controlled purchases of cocaine base and oxycodone from Powers. On July 11, 2010, Powers was stopped by the Huntington Police Department following a controlled purchase of oxycodone, and Powers was found to be in possession of \$4,846 which included the marked money used to make the controlled purchase. Powers faces up to 20 years imprisonment and a \$1 million fine when she is sentenced on January 31, 2011. The West Virginia State Police, the Cabell County Sheriff's Department and the Huntington Police Department conducted the investigation. AUSA Josh Hanks is handling the prosecution.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – Toylyn Terrell Hines, 33, of Detroit, MI, pled guilty before United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to conspiracy to distribute oxycodone. On July 8, 2010, the Central West Virginia Drug and Violent Crime Task Force conducted a controlled purchase of oxycodone from Hines and Dervyn Donell Tucker near Craigsville, Nicholas County, West Virginia. Hines and Tucker delivered approximately 576 80 mg oxycodone tablets to an informant and collected \$30,000, which represented the proceeds of that transaction and a previous debt. Hines and Tucker were arrested immediately, and the police recovered the buy money. Hines is scheduled to be sentenced on January 31, 2011 and faces up to 20 years imprisonment and a \$1 million fine. Tucker pled guilty on October 4, 2010 and is scheduled to be sentenced on January 4, 2011. The West Virginia State Police, the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department and the Summersville Police Department conducted the investigation. AUSA Josh Hanks is handling the prosecution.

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