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HUNTINGTON WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CHARGE

Admits to Aiding Detroit Drug Organization Operating in Huntington

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. – Terri Lynette Burns, 43, of Huntington, West Virginia pleaded guilty yesterday before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to aiding and abetting the distribution of five or more grams of cocaine base. Burns faces five to 40 years in prison and a \$2 million fine when she is sentenced on January 31, 2011.

The conviction stems from an investigation conducted by the Huntington Drug and Violent Crime Task Force. The investigation revealed that Burns brokered several drug deals between a confidential informant and members of a Detroit, Michigan gang known as the “Cash Out Crips.” The controlled drug purchases occurred at a residence on Hillside Drive in Huntington.

As part of her plea agreement, Burns stipulated that she has distributed crack cocaine and other illegal drugs in and around Huntington. She also facilitated drug transactions by connecting members of the drug organization with customers, provided housing for drug dealers, posted bond for members of the organization, and participated in trips to and from Detroit to transport cocaine base.

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