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KANAWHA COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING COCAINE

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – Michael A. Roberts, Jr., 27, of St. Albans, West Virginia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to 24 months in prison for distributing approximately three ounces of powder cocaine. Roberts entered his guilty plea on June 8, 2010. At his hearing, Roberts admitted that on March 12, 2008, he sold approximately three ounces of powder cocaine for \$3,000 to a confidential informant working with law enforcement agents. On April 7, 2010, agents executed a federal search warrant at Roberts' residence which resulted in the seizure of a .45 caliber pistol, quantities of marijuana, digital scales, plastic heat seal bags and a heat sealer, and related items. Roberts admitted that he owned the firearm and illegal drugs.

The joint investigation was conducted by the DEA, Putnam County Narcotics Task Force and Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team.

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