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MULL PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY

Faces up to twenty years in prison & forfeiture of cash, cars

WHEELING, WV – The final defendant in a major drug trafficking investigation has pleaded guilty to the distribution of drugs in the tri-state area and now faces a lengthy prison term.

United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, announced today that KYMBERLY MULL, 44 years of age of Wheeling, WV, admitted to committing the offense of "Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule I and Schedule II Controlled Substances." MULL agreed that between September of 2011 and February of 2012 she conspired with others to sell heroin, cocaine, and oxycodone pills. The indictment, which was returned last summer, alleged that MULL delivered or aided the delivery of these drugs to undercover officers and confidential informants on at least twelve occasions during a six month period.

The investigation leading to the charges included extensive surveillance, controlled purchases of narcotics, executions of search warrants, and seizures of narcotics, automobiles, and United States Currency. The source state for most of the heroin referenced in the Mull indictment was Pennsylvania, while the pain pills came from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.

MULL faces up to twenty years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and at least three years of supervised release. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

MULL is presently in custody as a result of her failure to follow the conditions of her pre-trial release. She will remain in custody pending the scheduling of a sentencing hearing.

As part of her sentence, MULL will be required to make payment of \$11,000 to the Ohio Valley Drug Task Force as reimbursement for funds that were paid to her during the controlled purchases of narcotics. She must also pay a money judgment of \$50,000 to the United States of America as well as forfeit a 2011 Chevrolet Corvette, a 2005 Hummer H2, and a 2003 Dodge Ram 2500 Quad Cab.

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In addition to MULL, each of the other defendants in the case has been convicted of drug distribution charges. The following individuals have already been sentenced by either Chief Judge John Preston Bailey or by Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.:

- Robert Paige Peterson, age 35, of Wheeling, WV(sentenced on 4/4/13 to 97 months in prison)

- Teo Marcero Coleman, age 32, of Cleveland, OH (sentenced on 1/30/13 to 92 months)
- Elliot Ross Fitzsimmons, age 23, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 1/30/13 to 84 months)
- Richard Edward Lang, Jr., age 45, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 1/30/13 to 70 months)
- Samneisha Walker, age 24, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 4/4/13 to 70 months)
- Edward Barry Davis, age 51, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 1/30/13 to 51 months)
- Gary Joseph Hack, age 40, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 2/6/13 to 51 months)
- Letitia Tambi, age 32, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 4/4/13 to 37 months)
- Brian Nicholas Barber, age 24, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 2/22/12 to 37 months)
- Rodney Carter, age 40, of Wheeling, WV(sentenced 2/28/13 to 30 months)
- Kevin R. Mills, age 32, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 2/12/13 to 30 months)
- Thomas J. Kunik, age 60, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 2/6/13 to 24 months)
- Craig A. Booker, age 49, of Moundsville, WV (sentenced on 1/30/13 to 21 months)
- Jarrett James Robinson, age 31, of Bridgeport, OH (sentenced on 1/30/13 to 15 months)
- Jonathan A. Wildey, age 30, of Wheeling, WV (sentenced on 2/5/13 to 3 years of probation)
- Ashlie Noel Taylor, age 28, of Wheeling, WV(sentenced on 1/31/13 to 3 months probation)

The following individuals have been convicted of drug distribution charges and will be sentenced in the near future:

- Reuben Jule Rouse, age 35, of Wheeling, WV
- Jenny E. Kota, age 21, of Wheeling, WV
- Robin E. Rusk, age 36, of Wheeling, WV
- Richard L. Baron, age 51, of Triadelphia, WV
- Douglas Lee Saunders, age 52, of Columbus, OH
- Deandre Scott Estelle, age 43, of Wheeling, WV
- Benjamin W. Primus, II, age 24, of Bellaire, OH
- Duane Williams, age 45, of Imperial, PA
- Felicia Cross, age 45, of Martins Ferry, OH
- Chelsea Aleece Radcliffe, age 24, of Triadelphia, WV

Assistant United States Attorney Randolph J. Bernard was the lead prosecutor and was assisted by Ihlenfeld. The matter was investigated by the Ohio Valley Drug Task Force, which includes officers and agents from the Wheeling Police Department, the Ohio County Sheriff's Department, the West Virginia State Police, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Substantial assistance was provided by the Hancock-Brooke -Weirton Drug Task Force, which includes Weirton Police Officers, Hancock County Sheriff's Deputies, and DEA Agents. Assistance was also provided by the Pennsylvania State Police.