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## **HUNTLEY DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 62 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON; \$290,000 IN DRUG-RELATED ASSETS FORFEITED**

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; RICHARD W. SANDERS, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration; and LARRY G. TRENT, Director of the Illinois State Police, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **NICHOLAS A. DOMINO**, 34 (DOB: 01/24/70), 10123 Ashley, Huntley, Illinois, to 62 months in federal prison without parole for distributing and possessing with intent to distribute a total of approximately 560 grams of cocaine between May and July 2003.

Domino pleaded guilty on April 9, 2004 to distributing approximately 311.5 grams of cocaine. At the time of his guilty plea, Domino admitted that on July 29, 2003, he had a telephone conversation with an individual, who was actually an undercover officer, during which he agreed to sell approximately 10 ounces of cocaine on July 30, 2003. Domino admitted that on July 30, 2003, he met with the undercover officer and a confidential source at an apartment in Carpentersville, Illinois, and that he gave the undercover officer a plastic shopping bag which contained eleven “ziploc” plastic bags each containing mixtures of cocaine. The total weight of the mixtures containing the cocaine in the eleven bags was 311.5 grams.

Domino also admitted for purposes of sentencing that on four separate occasions between May 13, 2003 and July 11, 2003, he knowingly and intentionally distributed an additional 224.4 grams of cocaine, and on July 30, 2003 he possessed with intent to distribute an additional 24.5 grams of cocaine.

In addition to 62 months in prison, the court ordered Domino to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison, and pay a fine of \$500. In addition to the criminal penalties imposed, Domino’s interest in the following were forfeited as proceeds of his drug trafficking activities: approximately \$151,055 in cash, a 2004 Cadillac Escalade worth approximately \$56,000, a 2003 Lincoln Navigator worth approximately \$60,000, and a 2000 Jaguar worth approximately \$26,000 were preliminarily forfeited.

The case was investigated by the Rockford Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Illinois State Police, and the North Central Narcotics Task Force, with the assistance of the Chicago Office of the Internal Revenue Service, the Carpentersville Police Department, and the Algonquin Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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