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## **FORMER IMPD OFFICER ROBERT B. LONG SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS**

### PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Robert B. Long, 34, Indianapolis, Indiana was sentenced to 300 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following the June 12, 2009 guilty verdict by a jury sitting in Indianapolis. Robert Long was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 50 kilograms of marijuana, three counts of possession with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana; and attempt to possess with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Indiana State Police and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD).

Robert B. Long, Jason P. Edwards, and James Davis were all members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. On June 11, 2008, an indictment returned by a federal grand jury alleged that between March and June, 2008, the three men used their official positions to divert marijuana and cash proceeds of marijuana trafficking to their own use, at times using fictitious search warrants to gain access to private property and at other times just breaking in.

James Davis was sentenced to 10 years in prison on July 9, 2009, after entering a guilty plea to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 kilograms of marijuana and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Jason P. Edwards will be sentenced next week.

Kabec Higgins, a civilian acquaintance and operator of a local business, Ear Candy Muzik, distributed marijuana for the three officers. Higgins pled guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 kilograms of marijuana. U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney sentenced Higgins to 15 months in prison on July 9, 2009.

Long and Edwards were convicted of drug trafficking at a trial on June 12, 2009. Davis and Higgins testified for the government in that trial.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorneys Josh Minkler and Joe H. Vaughn, who prosecuted these cases for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following Long's release from imprisonment..

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