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Drug Trafficker Receives 150 Month Federal Sentence

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that Horacio Uffre, 24, of New York, New York, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to 150 months in prison for his role in trafficking crack cocaine and heroin. U.S. District Court Judge D. Brock Hornby imposed the sentence following Uffre's guilty plea entered in October 2008.

Uffre's conviction and sentence resulted from an investigation lead by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency (MDEA). This investigation was conducted over a period of several months and targeted known drug traffickers in the Saco area. The investigation culminated in August 2007 when agents executed a search warrant at Uffre's Saco residence. This search resulted in the recovery of, among other things, 1,808 sealed cellophane packets of heroin, 1,700 individually wrapped plastic packets of crack cocaine, a money counting machine, digital scales and a handgun. The street value of the drugs recovered from Uffre's residence in August 2007 was approximately one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000). According to the Government's evidence, Uffre had been living at this residence since early 2007 and had been selling crack cocaine and heroin to local customers throughout that time.

U.S. Attorney Silsby praised the investigative efforts of MDEA and the Saco and Sanford Police Departments. U.S. Attorney Silsby stated that this conviction is significant because it sends a strong message that those who choose to traffic such drugs in Maine will be prosecuted and face stiff penalties.

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