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Lincoln Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Robert Donath**, 28, of Lincoln, Maine, was sentenced on September 8, 2009, in U.S. District Court in Portland, Maine, to 90 months imprisonment, 4 years supervised release, and a special assessment of \$300. Donath pled guilty on February 26, 2009 to three counts of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. The Court also entered a \$284,000 money judgment against Donath, representing the illegal proceeds generated by his drug trafficking.

Court records reveal that between January 2002 and May 2006, Donath conspired with others to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. Donath was regularly "fronted" cocaine by his co-conspirators, which he would sell to various customers in the Lincoln, Maine area. Donath and other customers of the co-conspirators would sell the cocaine and then make payment for the "fronted" cocaine, and receive another "front" of cocaine. The Court found that Donath was responsible for distributing in excess of 10 kilograms of cocaine during his involvement in the drug trafficking activity.

Donath was prosecuted in connection with a two and a half year investigation into drug trafficking in the Lee/Lincoln area of Maine. United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

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