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Florida Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Jeffrey Edwards**, 43, of Florida, was sentenced on October 27, 2009 in U.S. District Court in Portland, Maine, to 48 months imprisonment, three years supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100, for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. Edwards pled guilty on February 12, 2009.

Court records reveal that between January 2002 and June 2005, Edwards conspired with Michael Mayer and others to possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, 50 grams or more of cocaine base and oxycodone. Edwards was first introduced to the conspiracy and Mayer by a mutual friend in Florida. When Edwards was having financial problems, Mayer offered him work distributing cocaine for \$5000 a month, and Edwards agreed. On at least 4 occasions, Edwards drove vehicles containing cocaine to Maine for Mayer, sometimes traveling with Mayer and another co-conspirator. Edwards would stay in Maine for extended periods of time and deliver cocaine to various of the Mayer's customers, including several other co-defendants. The cocaine was being distributed in the Lee/Lincoln area by other co-defendants in the case.

Edwards would also collect drug proceeds from Mayer's customers. When he had between \$20,000 and \$30,000, he would hide the money on his person and either drive or fly to Florida and turn over the drug proceeds to Mayer.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

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