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Wrightstown Man Sentenced to 87 Months in Federal Prison for  
Distribution of Methamphetamine and Illegal Sale of a Firearm

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CAMDEN – A Wrightstown man was sentenced to 87 months in federal prison today for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine and illegal trafficking in firearms, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Simandle also ordered Roni Amaya-Fiallos, 33, who is an illegal alien originally from Honduras, to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding deportation proceedings.

Amaya-Fiallos pleaded guilty before Judge Simandle on Jan. 17, 2007, to a two-count Information.

On May 21, 2006, Amaya-Fiallos, Vincente Zuniga-Torres, 27, a.k.a. "Pretty Boy," of New Brunswick, Dulce Gomez-Morales, 27, of New Brunswick, and Joshua D. Smires, 27, a.k.a. "John Reed," of Browns Mills, were arrested on a Criminal Complaint by Special Agents of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the DEA, New Jersey State Police and the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. The charges resulted from a long term cooperative investigation in crystal methamphetamine and cocaine trafficking in Burlington County.

At his plea hearing, Amaya-Fiallos admitted that from October 2005 through May 2006, he and Zuniga-Torres were partners in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine in the Burlington County area. Amaya-Fiallos also admitted that he had distributed quantities of cocaine to Smires and that Gomez-Morales transported narcotics and deposited drug proceeds on behalf of Torres.

Amaya-Fiallos admitted that on at least seven occasions he, along with others, distributed quantities of crystal methamphetamine and cocaine to an undercover officer and others. The drug transactions took place in Cookstown, North Hanover, Wrightstown and Browns Mills, according to Amaya-Fiallos. Amaya-Fiallos admitted that over the life of the conspiracy they distributed more than 243 grams of methamphetamine and 2,110 grams of cocaine.

Furthermore, Amaya-Fiallos admitted that on Dec. 7, 2005, he had a conversation with an undercover officer in which he informed the undercover officer that it would not be a problem for him to obtain a firearm for the undercover officer's purchase. Amaya-Fiallos admitted that on Feb. 4, 2006, he arranged to meet the undercover officer later that day at a 7-11 store in Wrightstown. At the prearranged time, Amaya-Fiallos arrived at the 7-11 store and sold a Kel-Tec Sub 2000, 9-millimeter firearm with a defaced serial number, an extra magazine and ammunition to the undercover officer in exchange for \$1,500.

Zuniga-Torres, Gomez-Morales and Smires have each pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the investigation and are awaiting sentencing.

In determining the actual sentence, Judge Simandle consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Kyle Hutchins, in Newark; the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard P. McAleer, in Newark; Postal Inspectors with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Inspector in Charge Thomas C. Van De Merlen; Investigators with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Robert D. Bernardi; and Troopers with the N.J. State Police, under the direction of Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, Superintendent, with the investigation.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Deborah Prisinzano Mikkelsen and Jacqueline M. Carle of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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