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DAVIS SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON

Buffalo, N.Y.— Monae Davis, 34, who pled guilty on May 1, 2009 to an indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base was sentenced today to a term of 240 months in prison and 10 years supervised release. by United States District Judge William M. Skretny, U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas S. Duszkievicz who handled the case stated that the defendant was arrested on October 9, 2007 along with 20 other individuals by agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration as part of an OCDEF Operation One of a Kind. The investigation targeted individuals who were selling quantities of crack cocaine throughout the Salamanca, New York and Bradford, Pennsylvania area from June 2005 up to October 2007, which drugs were being supplied by Monae Davis. David pled guilty prior to the start of trial as did all of the other 20 named defendants who are pending sentence before Hon. William M. Skretny. AUSA Duszkievicz stated specifically that the defendant pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute between 1 ½ and 4 ½ kilograms of crack cocaine of which he was an organizer or leader of the criminal activity that involved 5 or more other participants. The investigation also resulted in various seizures of quantities of cocaine and cocaine base throughout the southern tier. The investigation involved multi-agency cooperation resulting from a wiretap issued in Cattaraugus County at the request of Cattaraugus District Attorney Edward M. Sharkey. Davis also faces sentencing in State Supreme Court as a result of his conviction in a 1994 fatal shooting.

The conviction was the culmination of the investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Charles Tomaszewski with the assistance of the Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force under the direction of State Police Senior Investigator Walter

Mackney, the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James Robertson, the Buffalo Police Department under the direction of Chief of Police H. McCarthy Gibson and the Pennsylvania State Police Department.