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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that John Mason, 24, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 15 years in prison without parole for selling crack cocaine. Mason pleaded guilty to this charge on February 4, 2009.

Mason sold crack cocaine to an undercover officer five times during the summer of 2008. His sentence was increased because he has two prior drug offenses.

The charges against Mason were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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