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Illinois Man Sentenced to Federal Prison For Distributing Crack Cocaine in Janesville Area

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Edgar Holder, 30, Chicago Heights, Ill., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 200 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine in the Janesville, Wis. area. Holder pleaded guilty to this charge on May 28, 2009.

The evidence showed that during 2007 and 2008, Holder enlisted the help of a number of people to sell crack cocaine for him in the Janesville area. The conspiracy involved over 200 grams of crack cocaine and came to an end with a search warrant in September 2008.

Holder's sentence was increased because he had two prior felonies for distribution of controlled substances. In sentencing Holder, Judge Crabb recognized that he had a difficult childhood with bad role models, but pointed out that Holder was continuing that cycle by being a bad role model to his seven children. Based on Holder's lengthy criminal history and complete lack of employment history, Judge Crabb suggested that Holder epitomized a career criminal offender. Holder's prison sentence will be followed by a ten year term of supervised release.

The charges against Holder were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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