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Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Kinyata Taliaferro-Reid, 34, of Waterloo, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to five years in prison for possessing five grams or more of cocaine base. Taliaferro-Reid pleaded guilty to this charge on April 28, 2009.

On June 19, 2008, officers with the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force executed search warrants at the Highlander Motel. They arrested an individual who agreed to call his crack cocaine source, Odell Dobbs. Dobbs arrived at the Highlander and had approximately 70 grams of crack in his car. Dobbs' girlfriend, Kinyata Taliaferro-Reid, showed up at the Highlander shortly after Dobbs' arrest.

Dobbs subsequently told police he had more crack at the house he shared with Taliaferro-Reid in Waterloo. Officers arranged to meet Taliaferro-Reid at the house. Taliaferro-Reid consented to a search of the house and the officers did not locate the crack cocaine Dobbs said would be there.

The officers subsequently learned that Taliaferro-Reid had driven to her house prior to meeting with them and had removed over 100 grams of crack and a handgun from the home. Taliaferro-Reid hid the crack and gun in the bushes behind her house and repeatedly lied about her actions to the officers. On November 14, 2008, Dobbs received a 262-month term of imprisonment.

The charge against Taliaferro-Reid was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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