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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; together with ANDREW L. TRAVER, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; and JOHN J. RILEY, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, today made the following announcement:

Today, **ALVIN D. McBRIDE, JR.**, 22, of Rockford, was sentenced in Rockford federal court to 15 years in prison, without parole, for illegally possessing with intent to distribute 184.37 grams of cocaine base ("crack" cocaine) and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard also ordered McBride to serve 5 years of supervised release after his prison term.

McBride pled guilty to the charges on March 7, 2011. In pleading guilty, McBride admitted that on March 4, 2010, he possessed 184.37 grams of crack cocaine located in a room he occupied in a house on Tacoma Lane in Rockford. McBride further admitted that he intended to sell this crack cocaine, which was packaged in clear plastic bags and was lying on the bed and in several dresser drawers in the room. McBride also admitted he kept a .380 caliber pistol in one of the dresser drawers in the room, and that he used this pistol to protect himself, his crack cocaine and his drug trafficking profits. Law enforcement officers also seized \$13,568 in cash and a Samsung flat screen television, from McBride's room. In the plea agreement, McBride admitted that this cash and T.V. represented profits from his drug trafficking activities.

The case was investigated by the Rockford Offices of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, with the assistance of the Rockford Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney SCOTT A. VERSEMAN.

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