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**McHENRY COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR SELLING COCAINE**

Rockford — A McHenry, Ill. man was sentenced today by United States Senior District Judge Philip G. Reinhard to 13 years in federal prison for distributing cocaine in McHenry. Brian M. Blum, 31, who pled guilty on Sept. 1, 2011, was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison, and ordered to repay to the federal government \$1,200 that it had used to buy cocaine from the defendant.

According to the written plea agreement, in July of 2010, Blum agreed to sell cocaine to an individual who was cooperating with the McHenry County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF"). On July 13, 2010, Blum sold the individual 27.6 grams of cocaine for \$600. Blum also admitted to selling 29.4 grams of cocaine to the same individual for \$600 on Dec. 17, 2010.

The sentencing was announced today by Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; Andrew L. Traver, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Division of the ATF; and Keith Nygren, McHenry County Sheriff. The United States Marshals Service assisted in the investigation.

The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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