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## **Robbinsdale man pleads guilty to conspiring to distribute cocaine, marijuana**

A 38-year-old Robbinsdale man pleaded guilty earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis to conspiring to distribute approximately 1.48 kilograms of cocaine and eight kilograms of marijuana last year. Appearing before United States District Court Judge Joan N. Ericksen, Marlon Terrell Collins pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana. Collins was indicted on December 7, 2010.

In his plea agreement, Collins admitted that from June of 2010 through September 3, 2010, he conspired with others to distribute 500 or more grams of cocaine and eight kilograms of marijuana. According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, authorities learned in September of 2010 that Collins was involved in transporting narcotics from Phoenix, Arizona, to Minnesota. On September 2, 2010, officers observed Collins enter a Federal Express store in Phoenix and make arrangements to ship a large box to a Brooklyn Park address. On September 3, police executed a search warrant on the box and found drugs inside. Later that day, officers met Collins at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport after he arrived from Arizona.

In addition, Collins admitted that when he delivered the narcotics on September 2, he violated the conditions of his supervised release for a 1998 conviction out of the U.S. District of Minnesota for aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute in excess of 50 grams of crack cocaine.

For his crime, Collins faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison, with a mandatory minimum penalty of ten years. Judge Ericksen will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the

U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Minneapolis Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen A. Slaughter.

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