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## **Duluth man pleads guilty to possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine**

Earlier today in federal court in Duluth, a 36-year-old Duluth man pleaded guilty to illegal firearms and drug charges. Appearing before United States District Court Judge Richard H. Kyle, Roy Milburn Caskey, Jr., pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and one count of possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug-trafficking crime. Caskey was indicted on January 11, 2011.

In his plea agreement, Caskey admitted that on October 5, 2010, he possessed 31.8 grams of crack cocaine, intending to distribute the drug to others. He also admitted that on that same date, he possessed a .44 caliber pistol. Court documents indicate that on October 5, 2010, Duluth police executed a state search warrant at Caskey's residence and seized the crack cocaine along with the gun, in addition to a small amount of marijuana, drug-trafficking paraphernalia, and \$460 in cash.

For his crime, Caskey faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison on the firearms charge, with a mandatory minimum penalty of five years, and a potential maximum penalty of 40 years, with a mandatory minimum penalty of five years, for possession of crack cocaine. Judge Kyle will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Duluth Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Thomas M. Hollenhorst and Allen A. Slaughter.

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