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TWO DRUG CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

Jackson, Miss - Two more individuals have been sentenced for their part in a large marijuana distribution conspiracy which was being operated out of Forest, Mississippi, U.S. Attorney John Dowdy announced today.

Damon Jones, 34, of Forest, and Lornell Von Moore, 46, of Louin, were sentenced by Senior U.S. District Judge Tom S. Lee on September 15, 2011. Jones was sentenced to 92 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release, and Von Moore was sentenced to 108 months in prison followed by four years of supervised release.

Both defendants were remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, in conjunction with officers from the Ridgeland Police Department, Jackson Police Department, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, undertook an intensive investigation into the organizations of defendants, Jessie Hall and Lornel Von Moore. The investigation led to two different indictments charging fourteen total defendants with various counts of conspiring to distribute thousands of kilograms of marijuana. All fourteen defendants named in the two indictments pled guilty, and thirteen have been sentenced. The remaining defendant, Shannon Hall, will be sentenced on September 29, 2011.

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