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Trenton Man Sentenced to 132 Months in Prison for Distribution of Crack Cocaine

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TRENTON – A Trenton man was sentenced to 132 months in federal prison today for distribution of crack cocaine, Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra, Jr., announced.

U.S. District Judge Anne E. Thompson also ordered Corey Spruill, 33, to serve five years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison term. Spruill has been in custody since his arrest on Feb. 21, 2007, in Trenton by Special Agents with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

On Feb. 7, 2008, Spruill pleaded guilty before Judge Thompson to a one-count Information that charged him with possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. At his plea hearing, Spruill admitted that Aug. 24, 2006, he possessed 59.1 grams of crack cocaine and sold the controlled substance to another person.

In determining the actual sentence, Judge Thompson consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Marra credited Special Agents of the DEA's Camden Resident Office, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard P. McAleer, Investigators with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr., Police Officers with the Trenton Police Department, under the direction of Irving Bradley, Jr., Director, and Special Agents with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Kyle Hutchins, with the investigation.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney James T. Kitchen of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division in Trenton.

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