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Drug Dealer Sentenced to Ten Years Imprisonment

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NEWS RELEASE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announces that **AARON BROWN**, age 28, of Syracuse, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to ten years imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release, in connection with his role in a major drug distribution ring operating in Syracuse from early 2008 through at least April 2009. **BROWN** previously pled guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of more than 300 grams of crack cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A).

As part of his plea, **BROWN** admitted he obtained crack cocaine on a regular basis in large quantities from co-conspirators PHILLIP SMITH and JOHN SELDON. **BROWN**, in turn, would break down the crack cocaine into smaller quantities and sell it to several persons listed in the Indictment and others in the Central New York area.

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation undertaken by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Syracuse Police Department, the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police.

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