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**SPRING VALLEY MAN SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS IN
FEDERAL PRISON FOR CRACK DISTRIBUTION**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JOHN McCALLUM, JR. was sentenced today to 20 years' imprisonment for distributing crack cocaine, and conspiring to do so, in the Spring Valley area in 2004 and 2005. The sentence was imposed by United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON at the federal courthouse in White Plains, New York.

The sentence followed a jury trial in September 2007 in which McCALLUM was convicted of: 1) conspiring to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine, from September 2004 through May 10, 2005; 2) distributing and possessing with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine on April 15, 2005; and 3) distributing and possessing with intent to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine on May 10, 2005. McCALLUM was acquitted of a fourth count, which accused him of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine on April 14, 2005.

Evidence presented at trial showed that McCALLUM and a co-conspirator sold hundreds of grams of crack cocaine in various locations in and around Spring Valley, New York, in 2004 and 2005. The conspiracy ended on May 10, 2005, when members of the Ramapo Police Department searched the apartment where McCALLUM and his co-conspirator were living and found there almost 300 grams of crack cocaine. McCALLUM was a fugitive from justice until he was apprehended by the United States Marshals Service in Pottstown, Pennsylvania on December 22, 2005.

MR. GARCIA praised the outstanding efforts of the Ramapo Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration in the investigation of this case.

Assistant United States Attorney NOLA B. HELLER is in charge of the prosecution.