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DRUG KINGPIN'S PARAMOUR SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON

Chanell Cunningham, 37, was sentenced yesterday to 12 years in prison for her role in the drug conspiracy that centered on the Phillips Cocaine Organization ("PCO") and its leader, Maurice Phillips. Cunningham pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to commit money laundering, concealment of money laundering, and transactional money laundering. Cunningham introduced Phillips to her friend, Chineta Glanville, and Phillips hired her to help launder the organization's drug proceeds. Phillips later ordered Glanville's murder because she was a cooperating federal witness in an investigation against him. Phillips was sentenced to five life terms, four consecutive, for having his cousin kill Glanville and for running the multi-million dollar drug operation. During the planned execution of Glanville, Phillip's cousin also killed Glanville's godson, Dane King.

The PCO was a multi-state, multimillion dollar cocaine distribution organization which distributed cocaine throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. From 1998 through 2007, the PCO was trafficking multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine from Texas to the eastern seaboard via tractor-trailer and other vehicles.

The case was investigated by Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service, with assistance from the New Jersey United States Attorney's Office, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration - Dallas and Baltimore Offices, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Gloucester Township Police Department (NJ), Washington Township Police Department (NJ), Springfield Twp Police Department (PA), Springfield Police Department (Union County, NJ), Union County Sheriff's Office, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia/Camden HIDTA, Social Security Administration - OIG, U.S. Department of State, Maryland State Police Department, New Castle County Police Department (DE), Roselle Police Department (NJ). It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Maureen McCartney and L.C. Wright, Jr..

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