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TWO SENTENCED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN PORTAGE COUNTY COCAINE CONSPIRACY

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Juan Rodriguez-Moreno, a/k/a "Paco," 28, of Almond, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 120 months in prison and James Boe, 22, of Plainfield, Wis., was sentenced yesterday to 120 months in prison for their involvement in a conspiracy with others in the Portage County area to distribute cocaine from 2006 through 2009.

Rodriguez-Moreno and Boe were two of six persons indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2009. The indictment charged five of the defendants with participation in the conspiracy, which involved more than five kilograms of cocaine, and also charged eleven counts of distribution by various participants from November 2007 through January 2009.

Five of the defendants, including Rodriguez -Moreno and Boe, pleaded guilty to their involvement in cocaine trafficking charges before trial. A sixth defendant, Alfredo Herrera, was found guilty of conspiring to distribute and distributing cocaine following a jury trial in February 2010 in federal court in Madison.

Anselmo Herrera, Vanessa Rodriguez, and Alfredo Herrera are scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Crabb later this month. The sixth defendant, Ramone Molina-Marin, was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison on March 19, 2010, for his involvement in distribution of cocaine at a Wisconsin Rapids bar in November 2007.

The charges against Rodriguez-Moreno and Boe were the result of an investigation conducted by the Portage County Sheriff's Department; Stevens Point Police Department; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Wood County Sheriff's Office; and Marshfield Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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