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### **TWO CHICAGO MEN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CRACK COCAINE**

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Raymone Houston, 29, and Dennis G. Rogers, 33, both of Chicago, were sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley for conspiring to possess 50 grams or more of crack cocaine with intent to distribute. Houston was sentenced to two years in prison and Rogers was sentenced to four years in prison. Both defendants pleaded guilty to this charge on May 28, 2010.

Beginning in September 2009, the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force started making controlled buys of quarter-ounce quantities of crack cocaine from Dennis Rogers, near a residence rented by Elena Smith on the east side of Madison. The Task Force subsequently purchased crack cocaine from Raymone Houston on five occasions in or near the same residence.

On February 3, 2010, officers executed a search warrant at Smith's house and recovered scales, residue, and \$2,000. Smith admitted that she allowed Rogers and Houston to use her residence to store, manufacture, and distribute crack cocaine. Officers also executed a search warrant at a nearby hotel where Smith had rented a room for Rogers. In that hotel room, officers recovered 113 grams of crack and 96 grams of powder cocaine.

Smith was sentenced on July 20 to 12 months, 1 day in prison. Smith, Houston, and Rogers will also serve three-year terms of supervised release.

The charges against Houston and Rogers were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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