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THREE MORE DEFENDANTS SENTENCED IN ST. CROIX TRIBAL DRUG INVESTIGATION

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that three more defendants were sentenced today in the St. Croix tribal land drug investigation -- Linda Lightfeather, 49; Buck Zehner, 34; and Zehner's wife, Janeen Mosay, 40, all of Webster, Wis.

U.S. District Judge Lynn S. Adelman, a visiting judge from the Eastern District of Wisconsin, sentenced these three defendants for their role in operating crack houses on St. Croix tribal lands from which numerous individuals distributed crack cocaine. Judge Adelman sentenced Lightfeather to five months in custody (which has been completely served as of today because she has been in custody since September 17, 2009). He sentenced Zehner to eight months in custody and Mosay to six months in custody.

With today's sentencings, nineteen defendants have now been sentenced as a result of this investigation into drug dealing on St. Croix tribal lands. The previous defendants sentenced are set forth below:

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Joseph Merrill	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	4 years
Manley L. Williams	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	8 years, 4 months
Christifer Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	5 years, 6 months

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
Jean Sonnenberg	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	19 years, 7 months
Bruce Sonnenberg	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	24 years, 4 months
Amanda Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	3 years, 10 months
George Rainey	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	14 years
Bruce Rainey	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Diana Martin	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	9 years
Margrette Cobb	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	13 years, 4 months
Andrew Sonnenberg	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	17 years, 6 months
Ericka J. Reynolds	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	1 year, 6 months
Shaleah Reynolds	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	2 years
Michael D. Hammond	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	12 years, 7 months
Steven R. Lang	Distribution of Methamphetamine	4 years
Shana Corbine	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	4 years, 3 months

United States Attorney Sinnott stated that today's sentencings were the result of a long-term investigation being conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Federal Bureau of Investigation; St. Croix Tribal Police Department; Rice Lake Police Department; Barron County Sheriff's Department; Burnett County Sheriff's Department; Sawyer County Sheriff's Department; Polk County Sheriff's Department; the Native American Drug & Gang Initiative; and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

As set out above, nineteen defendants have now been convicted of federal drug

offenses as a result of this investigation. Frankie Bildeau, 24, Webster, Wis., pleaded guilty today and will be sentenced on April 14, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. Five additional defendants indicted on December 2, 2009 are awaiting trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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