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TWO 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 Louis Belisle, 27, and his brother Brandon Belisle, 29, both residents of Webster, Wis., were sentenced today each to 21 months, without parole, by visiting U.S. District Judge Lynn S. Adelman. Louis and Brandon Belisle previously pleaded guilty to distributing crack cocaine on St. Croix tribal lands.

With today's sentencings, twenty-four 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
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

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
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
Linda Lightfeather	Operating a Crack House	5 months
Buck Zehner	Operating a Crack House	8 months
Janeen Mosay	Operating a Crack House	6 months
Frankie Bildeau	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	12 months, 1 day
Broderick Swain	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	54 months
Derrick Rapley	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	13 years

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 Wisconsin State Patrol.

As set out above, twenty-four defendants have now been convicted of federal drug offenses as a result of this investigation. John Carr was charged in an indictment returned by the grand jury on December 2, 2009, and is scheduled for sentencing before Judge Barbara B. Crabb on August 11, 2010.

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

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