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26th DEFENDANT FOUND GUILTY IN ST. CROIX TRIBAL DRUG INVESTIGATION

Madison, Wisconsin -- John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Eric E. Garvey, 40, Webster, Wis., was found guilty today by a jury following a two-day trial in U.S. District Court in Madison. The jury found Garvey guilty on all four charges of distributing methamphetamine.

U.S. District Judge William M. Conley scheduled sentencing for April 20 at 1:00 p.m. Garvey faces a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison on each charge.

The government's proof at the jury trial established that Garvey sold methamphetamine to an individual working with law enforcement on four occasions in April and May 2008. The Garvey investigation was part of a large investigation into drug dealing on St. Croix tribal lands.

Twenty-five defendants have previously been sentenced as a result of this investigation. 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

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
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
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
Louis Belisle	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	21 months
Brandon Belisle	Distribution of Crack Cocaine	21 months

Name	Crime of Conviction	Sentence Imposed
John Carr	Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine	6 years

United States Attorney Vaudreuil stated that today's guilty verdict, and all the prior sentencings, were the result of a long-term investigation 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; Native American Drug & Gang Initiative; and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter M. Jarosz handled the prosecution of the Garvey case; United States Attorney John W. Vaudreuil handled the prosecution of the previous cases.

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