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**CHICAGO MAN SENTENCED FOR
POSSESSION OF CRACK COCAINE**

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Romail Cox, 27, Chicago, was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge William Conley to eight years in prison for possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute. Cox pleaded guilty to this charge on August 31, 2010.

On January 16, 2010, Cox was a passenger in a car stopped by the Wausau police for having expired license plates. The driver, Greg Richardson, led the police on a high speed chase through a neighborhood in Wausau, and he and Cox then fled on foot. As he was being pursued by the police, Cox threw five baggies containing approximately 240 grams of cocaine and a scale into a yard. Cox and Richardson were apprehended by the police. The police recovered the crack cocaine the following morning.

Richardson is scheduled to plead guilty in Marathon County Circuit Court on February 21, 2011, for his role in the case.

The charges against Cox were the result of an investigation conducted by the Marathon County Sheriff's Department and Wausau Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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